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TELECOM'S BIG BUYERS SQUEEZED

'Nightmare' rush for profits likely

By ROLAND GRIBBEN Business Correspondent

THE Government is braced for a political row over Opposition charges that British Telecom has been sold too cheaply after the announcement yesterday that the £3.9 billion issue was four times oversubscribed.

Applications worth £16.5 billion were made for the 86 per cent. of the stock on offer to British investors with an unprecedented 2,060,000 members of the public joining the international scramble for the "sale of the century."

But a million applicants will be disappointed because allocations have been cut. Many have been halved and 7,500 applicants seeking to buy batches of more than 100,000 shares have been squeezed out completely.

Mr. Patti, Information Technology Minister, will make a formal Commons statement today about what the Government regards as a runaway success.

He will face Opposition charges that the offer was under-priced at 130p a share. Telecom ends up with 2,300,000 shareholders and the biggest share register in Britain. The number of shareholders contrasts with the 1,800,000 individuals who held shares before the telephone flotation.

Priority for small investors

In the wake of the cut in allocations for investors seeking large numbers of shares, City analysts were raising their estimates of the amount by which the price will exceed 130p when dealings start today.

The analysts were saying the early "profit" could run at 25p-40p a share. Dealings start at 3 p.m. in the partly-paid-up shares and one stock market jobber predicted: "It's going to be a nightmare."

Priority has been given to the small, mainly first time, investors. The Government was anxious to encourage.

Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bankers handling the sale, of 50.2 per cent. of the State company for the Government, disclosed that about a million of the applications from the public were for 200 and 400 shares.

"They will get their allotment in full but others will get considerably less. People applying for 600 shares get 500, those wanting 1,200 will be limited to 600 while applications for

Discounts on bills scaled down

The scaling down means that no members of the public, apart from some British Telecom staff, will be able to qualify for the maximum indulgences offered to buyers.

The Government offered £18 discounts on quarterly telephone bills up to a maximum of 12 on a share allocation of 2,400 with the alternative of a one-for-one share bonus after three years for holdings up to 4,000.

The maximum number of vouchers available under the terms of the allotment will be Continued on Back P. Col 6

Thousands flee after guerrilla raids

By OUR COLOMBO CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of people were said to have fled from their homes after renewed violence in Sri Lanka yesterday.

A Government spokesman said separatist Tamil guerrillas killed 11 people in attacks on two fishing villages in northern Sri Lanka.

He added that an earlier official statement that 57 people had been killed was incorrect.

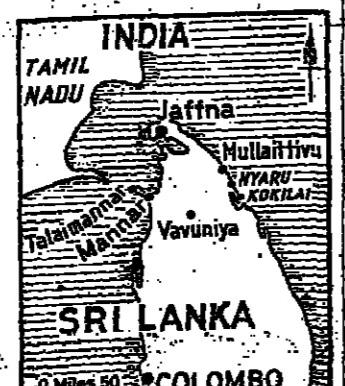
The spokesman reported that guerrillas killed seven people in the village of Kokkudal and four in nearby Nyam in simultaneous attacks.

Ruits destroyed

The guerrillas fighting for a separate state in the North and East of Sri Lanka where most of the country's minority Tamil population lives turned the homes of the fishermen, members of the majority Singhalese community.

The villages are about 30 miles from two farms used as rehabilitation centres for ex-prisoners where the rebels killed about 80 people on Friday. The Government said more than 65 guerrillas died in subsequent battles with security forces.

The Government said the violence had caused about 5,000 Sri Lankans, mostly women and children, to flee their homes and seek refuge in arms camps, schools and temples. Official reports last night



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Contrasting moods—Mr Scargill arriving at TUC headquarters and Mr. Herbert Brewer, the receiver, leaving Heathrow to claim £4.6 million of the N.U.M.'s funds held in a Luxembourg bank.

EFFORT TO STOP TORY REBELLION

By JAMES WIGHTMAN Political Correspondent

THE Prime Minister and Sir Keith Joseph, Education Secretary, were hoping yesterday that a threatened Conservative rebellion over cuts in students' grants could be defused by Whips without the Government having to make a compromise.

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NCB SACKS 450 INVOLVED IN STRIKE TROUBLE

By MAURICE WEAVER Industrial Staff

MORE than 450 miners have been sacked by the Coal Board during the pit strike for serious criminal offences or acts of "gross industrial misconduct."

A further 100 cases are being considered for possible dismissal as the management takes an increasingly tough approach to violence and vandalism.

However, more than 2,000 men convicted of criminal offences will be allowed to return to their jobs after the dispute. Details of offences will be entered on their employment records.

Coal Board officials believe that the death last week of Mr David Wilkie, a South Wales taxi driver whose car was hit by concrete blocks dropped from a bridge, will make colliery managers less willing to take back miners who have been involved in strike violence or lawlessness.

Police and Coal Board officials were dismayed that Mr Scargill, miners' president, during his address at a Labour rally in Stoke-on-Trent on Friday, dissociated his union from the South Wales incident and avoided a general condemnation of picket line violence.

Relevant sentence

Loud cheering from Mr Scargill's supporters in the hall prevented reporters hearing the end of the relevant sentence in his speech. Rail tories have since shown him full text to be: "The NUM dissociates itself from any acts of this kind which occur away from the picket lines."

It is on picket lines that the vast majority of the 4,460 arrests have been made during the dispute.

Of those arrested 7,100 have been charged but fewer than half of these have so far been dealt with by the courts despite the use of extra magistrates.

The majority of those sacked by the Coal Board figured among the 2,740 convictions which have resulted from incidents on picket lines or in mining communities.

Seventy-three of these convictions resulted in prison sentences, the longest being nine months. Fifteen young offenders, mostly trainee miners, have been sent to detention centres.

More sackings

With 3,617 strike-related charges still to be heard and the scale of violence growing it is clear that many more miners could be receiving dismissal notices.

Dismissal in this way means the loss of the right to notice and the freezing of pension rights at the time of departure. But most serious for miners is the absence of alternative work in their industry and in many areas, any other industries.

The decision on dismissal is left to local pit managers. In cases of violence, intimidation or sabotage it is almost certain.

Where lesser offences are concerned, such as obstruction or breach of the peace, which together account for roughly two-thirds of all strike arrests, it is left to the local executive's discretion.

In addition to dismissing miners convicted in the courts, the Coal Board has also sacked

SCARGILL BACKED 'Must differentiate'

A South Wales miners' leader gave some support yesterday to the attempt by Mr Scargill to draw a distinction between violence on picket lines and such incidents as the killing of Mr Wilkie.

Mr Terry Thomas, vice-president of the South Wales NUM, restated his union's "stand and dismay" at Mr Wilkie's killing but when asked about this and other instances of objects being dropped from bridges during the strike, he said: "I think we've got to differentiate between incidents of this kind and incidents that actually arise on a picket line."

Victim 'wanted to help'

By COLIN RINDALL

MR David Wilkie, the taxi driver killed when concrete objects smashed through his windscreen as he took a working miner to his pit, died for his firm belief in the right to work, his mother said yesterday.

Mr Jean Wilkie, 60, said: "He felt very strongly about the state the country is in, where there are men who want to go to work and are unable to. We live in a mining com-

munity and we know they want to go back. They have got wives and children and are unable to support them. All my son wanted to do was to help them."

Mr Wilkie, who lived with her son and his pregnant woman friend in Cardiff Road, Treforest, near Pontypridd, died. David was a boy whom everybody loved. He was never in trouble or involved in violence; but he did have firm beliefs and ended up dying for them."

NUM loses appeal over receivership

By TERENCE SHAW
Legal Correspondent

MINERS' union leaders lost their appeal against the temporary appointment of a Derbyshire solicitor to take charge of union assets at a rare weekend sitting of the Appeal Court.

Three Appeal Court judges, headed by Lord Justice Stephenson, said the receivership order made by Mr Justice Merriv Davies on Friday was "drastic and unusual."

But it was justified because an undertaking offered by the miners' union leaders not to move their funds from Luxembourg until next Friday was "unacceptable without further assurances that they would obey both 'past and future' orders of the court."

The receiver, Mr Herbert Brewer, left Luxembourg last night accompanied by Mr Brian Larkins, one of the four chartered accountants from Price Waterhouse who were appointed by the court in October as sequestrators of the union's assets after it failed to pay a £200,000 contempt of court fine.

The sequestrators traced the £4,630,000 to Nobis Frans International, a Luxembourg bank, and succeeded in having it temporarily frozen. But on Thursday the Luxembourg courts, after an application by the union leaders, ruled that the sequestrators' claim to the money was "inadmissible under Luxembourg law and breached their order."

This led to fears that the union leaders might seek to move the money on to other secret bank accounts even though they would be in contempt of English court orders.

In an emergency move to prevent this, 16 working miners brought forward court proceedings they had started to have a receiver replace Mr Scargill, the union's president. Mr McGahey, its vice-president, and Mr Heathfield, its general secretary, as trustees of union funds.

Dismissing the union leaders' appeal, Lord Justice Stephen said: "If Mr Justice Merriv Davies had been offered an undertaking on which he could have relied, he probably would not have appointed the receiver."

"But the judge was justified in his inability to accept that undertaking without a further assurance that the miners' leaders would obey orders of the court, past as well as future."

'Notorious' contempt

It was "notorious" that the NUM and one of its leaders had committed flagrant contempt of court orders, said Lord Justice Stephenson.

Although Mr Scargill was no longer in contempt because his £1,000 fine had been paid, the union was still in contempt.

He hoped that an assurance that all court orders would be obeyed would now come from the union's national executive committee. If so, the miners' leader could apply to the court on Monday for an order discharging the receiver.

Such an assurance would involve the union in agreeing to pay the £200,000 contempt of court fine, co-operating with the sequestrators and complying with court injunctions made a week ago requiring them to bring back to Britain all union funds sent abroad before the sequestration order was made.

The temporary order appointing Mr Brewer as receiver lasts until Thursday when lawyers for the union leaders will have a further opportunity in the High Court to argue in greater detail why his appointment should not be continued.

In the meantime, Mr Brewer will be hoping that the Luxembourg bank, and if necessary the Luxembourg courts, will recognise his authority as a court-appointed receiver to take control of the union's assets because of failure by the union's trustees to carry out their duties properly.

MP SUED BY WIFE

Mr John Heddle, 41, Tory MP for Mid-Shropshire is being sued in the Divorce Court by his wife, Judith, whose petition appears in the current set of undefended suits to be heard soon. The couple married in 1964 and have four children.

Mr Heddle, who lives with his son and his pregnant woman friend in Cardiff Road, Treforest, near Pontypridd, said: "David was a boy whom everybody loved. He was never in trouble or involved in violence; but he did have firm beliefs and ended up dying for them."

The council, at which Mr Steel, Liberal leader, was not



Mr Michael McGarity starting on Saturday a day-and-night vigil outside Selfridges store in Oxford Street where he hopes to raise £30,000 for Kettering, Radcliffe and Northampton Hospitals in a sponsored appeal by the time the sales begin on Dec. 28. Mr McGarity suffers from a spinal complaint.

Disabled man kicked and beaten by gang

A DISABLED joiner was beaten up by youths when he went to board up the broken windows of a chemist's shop in a strike-torn South Yorkshire pit village.

Mr Walter Claydon, who lives in Wheatley Hall Road, was woken in the early hours from a childhood of Saturday when a hall of bricks smashed his porch, causing hundreds of pounds worth of damage.

Mr McDonald, 38, said he had been told on the grapevine that his house would be hit in retaliation for him speaking about "intense intimidation."

"I was told that members of the NUM planned to smash every window in my house and drive me and my wife out. But they can go to Hell. Nobody will tell me whether I can or cannot work!"

VIOLENCE FOR POLITICAL ENDS REJECTED

THE British public overwhelmingly rejects violence for political ends, according to the results of a National Opinion Poll survey on behalf of Aims of Industry, the private enterprise organisation.

A 72 per cent. majority think that political parties should ban membership anyone who believes in overthrowing governments by violence, while an 85 per cent. majority believe it is unacceptable for a British government to be forced by political violence to call a general election.

Mr Pym's remarks were in line with the speeches which he and other "wets" now out of office — Mr Heath and Sir Ian Gilmour are others — have been making for some time. But he said it had been evident at and since the party conference in October that there was growing unease in the party about the economic policies and especially about unemployment.

BILL MAY CUT RED TAPE FOR SMALL FIRMS

Mr Michael Grylls, Conservative MP for North West Surrey, who drew seventh place in the Private Members' Bill's ballot, is to introduce Small Businesses Bill "in response to an overwhelming demand from small firms' organisations, led by the Union of Independent Companies and the Small Business Bureau."

Supporting the motion, Mr Michael Mawdridge, Liberal MP for Leeds West, said: "Emphasis on the market principle tends to be detrimental to the Liberals' wish to develop cooperative structures and to acknowledge ecological needs."

"It will provide the legislative framework in which deregulation for small firms can take place and require each Secretary of State to report to Parliament annually."

The announcement of the changes in student grants by Sir Keith Joseph, Education

Polling: Thursday week

Church leaders urge Joseph to drop grant cuts

By JOHN IZBICKI Education Correspondent

CHURCH OF ENGLAND leaders have joined in the attack on Government plans to cut student grants and increase parental contributions, calling on Sir Keith Joseph, Education Secretary, to think again.

A motion passed unanimously by the board of education of the General Synod urges Sir Keith to restructure the system of student fees and maintenance grants and scrap parental contributions altogether.

The board also deplored the Government's intention to raise the general student grant by one per cent.

The motion says this would accelerate the decrease in the real value of the grant which is already 17 per cent. below the level set at its introduction in 1962."

It pointed out that Sir Keith's decision to make richer parents pay more while their sons and daughters received less from the taxpayer would "bear very hard on students."

In 1982-83, 47 per cent. of students in higher education did not receive a full grant and about 4,000 got no grant at all because their parents were "unable or unwilling to sign grant application forms."

But support for Sir Keith came from Sir David Phillips, chairman of the Advisory Board for the Research Councils, who expressed the gratitude of "scientists throughout the country" for the offer of more funds for scientific research.

Sir David's board advises Sir Keith on the size of each year's science budget and how it should be shared among the five research councils — agriculture and food; economic and social; medical; natural environment; and science and engineering.

The Government's extra funds — £3 million of which would come from the grants — would amount to £70 million extra over three years, including £20 million for university laboratories and equipment, Sir David said:

600 research projects

"If the Secretary of State accepts the advice we have given it will mean:

An extra 600 alphavated research projects (projects considered top priority).

Help for new programmes in food research and plant and animal sciences.

More medical research in the universities.

More research into the use of computers in engineering and information technology.

A total of £6 million in the 1985-86 financial year for much needed and expensive equipment.

"The benefits for today's scientists, the new generations of science students and the country as a whole are substantial," he said.

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Southgate by-election

Grants spectre looms over Tory campaign

By JAMES ALLAN

THE growing controversy over student grants will confront Mr Portillo, the chairman, when he appears tonight in the by-election campaign in Southgate, where the cuts are threatening to become the main issue.

Mr Portillo will be speaking in Hadley Wood, where the increased parental contributions are likely to be felt most.

He is aware from his erstwhile political adviser, Mr Michael Portillo, the 31-year-old Conservative candidate, of the growing concern being expressed by voters.

While canvassing on Friday, Mr Portillo was stopped by a man carrying a newspaper with a front page story of the student grant cuts row. Waving it at Mr Portillo, he said: "Whatever else you do, do something about this, will you?"

Others are putting it more politely and, in a constituency with nearly a third of the 65,000 electorate in the professional and managerial class, it is likely to find his party struggling again in this place.

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£27m BULLION RAIDERS FACE JAIL TODAY

By IAN HENRY Old Bailey Correspondent

TWO masterminds behind Britain's biggest ever robbery—£27 million in gold bullion and other valuables from a Brink's Mat warehouse near Heathrow a year ago—were convicted at a unique Old Bailey hearing yesterday.

MICHAEL McAvoi, 52, builder, and BRIAN ROBINSON, 41, car dealer, both South Londoners, were driven from court amid unprecedented security and will return today to face sentence by the Common Serjeant of London, Judge David Tudor PRICE.

As they were driven off to jail, a third accused man, Anthony White, 40, car dealer, left in a white Mercedes after being cleared of involvement in the spectacular raid.

The month-long case ended without any further clues being given as to the whereabouts of the colossal fortune in bullion, diamonds, platinum and travellers' cheques.

The haul, three tons of gold, enough to fill three coffins, is almost certainly still in this country, and in the 12 months since the robbery has risen in value to over £50 million.

The jury of seven women and five men took 26 hours 46 minutes to return their verdicts, spending three nights at a hotel, clearing White and convicting the two others, McAvoi, of Beckenham Road, East Dulwich, and Robinson, of Bellring Street, Lewisham, by 112 majority decisions.

Astounded by the haul

It is the first time in memory that a jury has returned verdicts at the Old Bailey on a Sunday. The judge postponed sentence until this afternoon because sentences are not permitted to be passed on a six-year sentence.

The jury had been given a 24-hour police protection throughout the trial and the judge assured them that this will continue.

Mr MICHAEL CORKERY, QC, prosecuting, said that a three-man gang had attacked the warehouse on an industrial estate at Hounslow last December and terrorised guards to pass over details of the sophisticated security system.

The gang had been told to expect a haul of between £15-

Britons win backing in war on Costa crime

By GRAHAM JONES in Malaga

BRITONS living in the town known as the capital of the "Costa del Crime" have won the first round in their battle for a police offensive against smash-and-run thieves and armed robbers.

A week ago, 800 Spanish and British residents of Nitia, east of Malaga, held a story protest meeting at the town hall, demanding action against shotgun-armed drug addicts.

Some residents called for the formation of vigilante squads.

Yesterday, a member of the organising committee, 57-year-old Mr Bill Fletcher, said he was pleased at the response of the Spanish authorities in the town of 15,000 people where robberies were totalling 39 a week.

"Changes have been sparked off and, thank goodness," said Mr Fletcher, who came from Manchester five years ago to open a restaurant called Bumbles in the town. "We all feel a lot happier now."

More police

Mr Fletcher reported that detectives from the national police in Malaga had been posted to the town to search for the "masked" men behind the raids, which had terrified British villa-owners—many of them elderly. At the worst, there were 11 raids in one night.

The Civil Guard in Nitia has been given a new, tough second-in-command. There is also a special two-man drugs' patrol given the task of running addicts out of town.

The whole of the Costa del Sol has been hit by a crime wave, including a number of street crimes which have turned to murder. Several hundred extra police will move in before the New tourist season starts in March, the authorities say.

One British couple, Mr and Mrs Martin Weeks, defied a shotgun attack on their home when over-shots were fired at their windows. The police, who made two further raids on their villa, one of which walked into their home and caused £20,000 worth of damage.

The Weeks, who are staying with friends because they are too frightened to return to their £36,000 villa, had retired to Spain but say they will now be returning to Britain.

Officials are now hurriedly re-examining their policies of hiring public employees with criminal records. Mayor Koch said an ex-convict would not necessarily be barred from employment, but records would be examined closely to make sure no danger of sexual or other abuse of children was likely.

Mr Patrick McGinnity, who is leading the fingerprinting investigation, said someone with a single 20-year-old conviction for prostitution would probably be acceptable, whereas someone with a long record of arrests would not.

YOUTH TRAINING HELPS HOSTELS

The Youth Hostels Association has reversed its commercial decline despite falling membership, according to figures published yesterday.

One reason for the increased use of hostel facilities is the instead of training schemes run by the Youth Opportunity Programme. Many of the young people are put up in hostels.

BRITON KILLED

By Our Madrid Correspondent

A Londoner, Paul Sheriff, 21, from Hammersmith, worked in Gibraltar, where he died after being hit by a football during a match at the Costa del Sol, near main Costa del Sol, near Torremolinos.

FOOTBALLER DIES

Robert Gilbert, 18, of East Cowes Isle of Wight, collapsed after being hit by a football during a match at the Costa del Sol, near Torremolinos.



Anthony White: cleared of involvement in £27 million Heathrow gold robbery.

Criticism of Prestel 'mole' retaliation

By BARBARA CONWAY City Staff

PRESTEL, the British Telecom computerised information network, is facing accusations of using "Big Brother" tactics to silence criticism of its security by one of its largest customers.

Timeframe International, a company which specialises in providing business information, last week claimed that its secret identification codes had been "hacked" early last month, leaving an unauthorised user free to wander through and examine hundreds of screens full of information.

The incident was said to have taken place only days after a major security alert involving the hacking of electronic mail, including that belonging to Prince Philip, had led to widespread changes in security codes.

On Friday night hundreds of members of the public used the Timeframe system to check whether it was carried out. In instances, one debated and information on subjects ranging from computers to eating out suddenly found that the company had been removed from the system.

"No mole"

This, according to a Prestel statement, was because Timeframe refused to reflect its statement on the hacking or a suggestion that a Prestel "mole" might be involved, despite the fact that "we have evidence to show that there was no such unauthorised use of the system."

Part of Prestel's anxiety to stop further tales of security breaches lies in the fact that aspects of its system are used for highly confidential information, such as business data and a special service for doctors, including details of new drugs.

B T also run a special business electronic correspondence service called Telecom Gold, which is also likely to carry confidential information.

But the abrupt action of pulling the plug on Timeframe last week may have exactly the opposite effect to that intended.

Angry users are already exchanging details of individual cases where passwords into the system seem to have been hacked and, although this course of action would be illegal, it looks possible that a demonstration "hack" could be arranged by some users to demonstrate that Prestel is vulnerable.

KIRK FEARS LAWSON WILL TAX BIBLE

By Our Churches Correspondent

Mr Lawson "surely does not want to be remembered as the Chancellor of the Exchequer who taxed the Bible", suggests LIFE AND WORK, the Church of Scotland's magazine.

The editor refers to reports that, in looking for fresh sources of revenue, the Chancellor is considering imposing VAT on books, newspapers and periodicals.

LAW AND WONG admits there is a case for taxing "trashy books and papers" just as entertainments are taxed. But "if the Government cannot establish a clear line to divide virtue and vice, it would be better to abandon the whole idea."

MAN ACCUSED OF BRITON'S MURDER

By Our Madrid Correspondent

A Moroccan was charged yesterday with the murder of Hugh Lomax, an oddjob man and former brewery worker from Warrington, Cheshire, whose mutilated body was found in a sugar-cane field on the Costa del Sol.

Mustafa el Karmoui, 43, was said to have admitted the murder, outside Torremolinos, in an "apparent settling of accounts", after a dispute over stolen property.

MOTORCYCLE DEATH

A couple returning to their home in the village of West Rudham, Norfolk, early yesterday found the body of Mr David Wells, 35, of Dodge Lane, Tile Hill, Coventry, in their wrecked utility room, with his 750cc Triumph motorcycle on top of him. He had failed to negotiate a bend in the road, police said.

TREE PATROL

Forest rangers started round-the-clock patrols in the New Forest yesterday to deter thefts of Christmas trees.

Vegetarians putting more beef into Smithfield protest

By GODFREY BROWN Agriculture Correspondent

VEGETARIANS yesterday launched their biggest attack yet on the monument to meat-eating, the Royal Smithfield Show, where the best and most pampered of the millions of meat animals that will be slaughtered for Christmas tables began their brief spell in the spotlight.

The show, which opened at Earl's Court yesterday and continues until Thursday, brings to the capital the very best that livestock farmers can produce in competition for the coveted championship trophies.

It is also a major shop window for Britain's major farm machinery industry.

It has become an increasing target in recent years for the vegetarians, who yesterday staged a march from Marble Arch (formerly Tyburn) to Earl's Court to protest at what they called the murder that is meat-eating.

Police estimated about 1,000 people in the march, with several hundreds more gathered outside the Earl's Court exhibition, shouting slogans, waving banners and handing out leaflets while their own 12-piece band played hymns.

Hearts and stomachs

There was a strong police presence and three arrests were made. One demonstrator, Mark Longden, a 17-year-old student from Newark, Notts, was charged with obstruction. The other arrests followed alleged threatening behaviour and obstruction of police.

What is now taking place between the vegetarians and show officials is a battle, not so much for the hearts and minds of the British public but their stomachs.

Vegetarianism does not provide any answers, Mr Roberts maintains. Animal protein is important to health.

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HAWKE BLAMES SETBACK ON SPOILED VOTES

By DENIS WARNER in Melbourne

THE Australian Labour party, led by Mr Hawke, Prime Minister, was returned to office at the weekend with a substantially-reduced majority instead of the landslide predicted by newspapers and opinion polls.

The anticipated 50-seat lead in the House of Representatives may turn out to be only 14, considerably below the 28-seat majority in the previous Parliament, since expanded from 125 to 148 members.

Mr Hawke will still have a comfortable working majority, but not enough to claim any mandate for major policy changes.

With 85 per cent of the vote now counted, the Labour vote is down by 1.7 per cent, and the Liberals by 0.2 per cent. The Liberals' coalition partner, the National party, increased its vote by 1.6 per cent.

When the next election is held, presumably in three years, the coalition will need a swing of only 1.7 per cent to unseat the Government.

Mr Hawke attributed the fall in Labour's following to the extraordinarily high invalid vote by about half a million electors, mostly in seats that normally would have gone to Labour.

Pensioners' anger This followed the simplification of ballot forms for the Senate ticket, which required electors to make only a single mark on their paper. For the House of Representatives, all preferences had to be indicated.

Up to 8 per cent of voters apparently believed they had only to make one mark, leaving the ballots incomplete.

Mr Hawke, in a defensive interview yesterday, said up to 80 per cent of invalidated votes had been intended for Labour's candidates.

But his suggestion was chal-

lenged by electoral officers who noted a large number of invalidated votes also in "blue ribbon" Liberal seats.

Mr Hawke was so confident of overwhelming victory that he did not attempt to deny that Labour might introduce wealth, capital gains and probate taxes, thus alienating many voters.

He failed to recognise pensioners' anger over the introduction of an assets test, and the impact of a heavier tax on superannuation lump-sum payments.

The campaign, instead of consolidating Mr Hawke as the most popular of all Australian Prime Ministers, exposed his weaknesses.

All factions of the Labour party, left, right and centre, appear to have suffered equally in the election, unless indeed, to face any challenge in the next election.

But much of the Hawke magic has been lost while Mr Pocock, leader of the Opposition, has won a new lease of political life.

The final results in doubtful seats for the House of Representatives are not likely to be known before the end of the week.

The full Senate results may not be known much before Christmas.

At the moment it appears that the Labour party and the coalition share equally six of the seven Senate seats in each state.

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God's banker 'loaned' for Milan trial

By LESLIE CHILDE in Rome

THE shadowy financier Michele Sindona was putting the finishing touches to a lengthy defence dossier last night on the eve of his Milan trial.

Despite the allegations made against him during the past decade, this will be the first time he has ever appeared in court in his homeland.

In an unprecedented legal set-back, the diminutive Sicilian has been "loaned out" to Italy by the United States where he is already serving 25 years.

He is accused of fraud and a long list of other crimes involving the £150 million crash of two banks he owned.

Sindona, 64, known as "God's Banker" because of his close links with the Vatican's embattled financial authorities, is expected to plead not guilty.

A group of European women and children waiting at an outlying airfield to be flown to the capital of Noumea as they fled from the violence in the north-west of New Caledonia where Melanesian tribesmen have stepped up their action for independence from France.

Paris moves to placate Pacific island rebels

By IAN WARD in Singapore

TWENTY-FOUR hours after raising the rebel flag in France's South Pacific island of New Caledonia and declaring independence, leaders of the breakaway movement yesterday welcomed the decision by Paris to draw up new proposals for the colony's self-determination.

The rebels also welcomed the French Government's plan, taken at an emergency Cabinet meeting on Saturday, to send M. Edgard Pisani, the former Agriculture Minister, with orders to submit recommendations within two months.

Observers in the colony's capital, Noumea, last night read these developments as an impor-

tant psychological victory for the Melanesian rebels.

But they felt M. Pisani would encounter fierce opposition from anti-independence groups.

Significantly, M. Dick Uweike, President of the freshly-elected New Caledonian Assembly, in Paris at the weekend for crisis talks with President Mitterrand, declared publicly that he had no intention of talking with rebels.

Back in New Caledonia tension is running high in the wake of last Friday's shoot-out between French farmers and Melanesians, known locally as Kanaks, who are demanding immediate independence.

The clash resulted in the death of one white farmer and one Melanesian.

SOVIET SOLDIER'S 'ORDEAL'

By NIGEL WADE
in Moscow

THE two Russian soldiers from Afghanistan who returned home from asylum in Britain last month suffered a "nightmare" at the hands of British security agents, *Izvestia*, newspaper said at the weekend.

It published an interview said to have been given by Sgt Igor Rykov, 22, and Pte Oleg Khlain, 21, in Moscow on Friday in which they allegedly claimed British agents drugged them to say they had deserted.

In fact, the paper insisted, they were taken prisoner in Afghanistan and later held against their will in Pakistan and Britain.

The account was highly reminiscent of claims by Oleg Bitov, the Soviet journalist who defected last year and returned home in September, claiming he was abducted and tortured by British agents.

Stalin's daughter, Svetlana Alliluyeva, returned home six weeks ago after 17 years as a defector and said she had never been free in the West.

These cases have provided a propaganda harvest for the Russians. Careful manipulation of Bitov and the two soldiers has enabled the authorities to undermine Western predictions of dire punishment awaiting the defectors.

Drugged by captors

Punishment may still be in prospect — the authorities have plenty of time—but meanwhile there is advantage to be gained in publishing anti-Western accounts and appearing merciful.

Izvestia published no pictures of the two soldiers and said nothing about their present circumstances or whether they had realised their hopes of being reunited with their families.

Rykov and Khlain returned on a flight from London to Leningrad on November 11, after going to the Soviet Embassy to inquire about their families. *Izvestia* stressed that they told British officials they were returning voluntarily.

Lord Bethell, who brought them to England after they had been nearly a year in the hands of Afghan guerrillas, was said to be working on orders from British Intelligence.

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DUBLIN SUMMIT FACES FAMILIAR CRISIS WARNING

By ALAN OSBORN Common Market Correspondent

LEADERS of the 10 Common Market governments begin a two-day summit in Dublin today, confronted by familiar warnings that failure to agree could plunge the Community into a new political crisis.

But in marked contrast to previous meetings the British budget problem is not at the centre of the EEC's dispute.

Mrs Thatcher will fly to Dublin satisfied that the deal struck at Fontainebleau in June has provided a solution, at least for some years, to the quarrel over Britain's excessive contributions.

Her main concern may be that the intricate financial arrangement could come unstuck if the summit fails to break through on the linked question of enlargement.

By far the main issue will be the deadlock in negotiations to admit Spain and Portugal.

The problem has been the Ten's failure to define an offer to Madrid on wine and agriculture as various members have sought to protect their own vital and seriously threatened national interest.

Huge wine surplus

Wine is easily the most important of these and most attention will be focussed on technical measures to control the huge production surplus already costing £600 million a year before Spain's entry.

The dispute pits France against Italy. They hold strongly opposed views on how to cut the surplus, with Italy strenuously resisting the idea of national production quotas favoured by France.

Although foreign ministers came close to a breakthrough last week in Brussels, the Italians proved impossible to budge and hopes are not high for major progress in Dublin.

However, it is generally agreed that if something could be achieved on wine the other problems in the enlargement package could be dealt with reasonably quickly.

Vital date

But complete failure could throw the whole enlargement process into disarray and threaten what Dr Garret Fitzgerald, the Irish Prime Minister and EEC president, described last week as "profound political consequences."

For both the Spanish and Portuguese governments entry into the Community on Jan. 1, 1986, is a matter of vital political importance. Delay of the entry date would also have

Thatcher plan to cool Chequers controversy

By JAMES WIGHTMAN Political Correspondent

DURING her visit to Dublin today and tomorrow Mrs Thatcher is expected to have a brief talk with Dr Fitzgerald, the Irish Prime Minister, about the controversy which followed their recent summit at Chequers.

'DURBAN 3'

PLEA ON VISITS

By Christopher Munroe in Johannesburg

THE prolonged stay at the British Consulate in Durban by three anti-apartheid demonstrators would be resolved only if Britain allowed the men legal access, a spokesman for the group said yesterday.

Dr Farook Meer, vice-president of the Natal Indian Congress and the only person who sees the "Durban Three" on a regular basis, as their medical consultant, said they were adamant about staying in the consulate until visits by families and lawyers are resumed.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Billy Nair have occupied the seventh-floor offices of central Durban for 10 weeks. Britain prohibited the visits a month ago after accusing the men of abusing their position by making political statements from the consulate.

Dr Meer said: "If the British is to resolve their attitude, the British must change their attitude."

Meanwhile, Mr Patrick Moberly, British Ambassador to South Africa, said the continued occupation was inhibiting Britain's ability to protest against other detentions without trial in South Africa.

BERLIN SHOUTING PROTEST

By Our Staff Correspondent in Bonn

West German government and the three Western allies responsible for West Berlin protested strongly at the weekend at the apparent killing by East German border guards of someone who tried to escape over the Berlin Wall. Residents in the Wedding district, in the French sector, heard about 20 to 30 shots and saw a military vehicle draw up on the British side of the wall and take away a covered stretcher.

CHIMNEY BOMB

A bomb dropped down an apartment house chimney injured a teenage member of the minority Serbs in Kosovo province, Yugoslavia.—AP.



ICL's fire prevention additive Avgard going up in flames in California—but American aviation officials were most impressed.

Safety jet-fuel move angers U.S. airlines

By IAN BRODIE
at Edwards Air Force Base, California

AVIATION officials pledged yesterday to press ahead with proposals to make a British anti-fire fuel additive mandatory for United States airlines, despite the test crash of a passenger jet that ended in a raging fire.

Technical experts from the Federal Aviation Administration and NASA said it appeared that two fires erupted.

First came a fireball that died out in a few seconds, followed by a second flash fire which burned so intensely firefighters ran out of foam long after the

experts believe the ICL additive, designed to prevent fires on impact, was successful.

Notice of proposals to

in helping to put out the initial fire within seconds and to that extent a step forward was taken towards saving lives.

He believes the additive is justified as a safety feature, even if not 100 per cent effective, because fire on the ground kills 40 per cent of passengers who have otherwise survived a crash landing.

Airlines are unanimously opposed to the idea because the technology is still in its infancy, according to Tom Tripp, a technical observer for the industry group, the Air Transport Association, who expressed astonishment at the results.

Edwards were greatly encouraged by the admiral's comments.

ICL's Paints Division at Slough, Buckinghamshire, has spent £8 million on research over 17 years initially with British Government help.

If the additive, known as

Blackened hulk

Mr James Woodall, director of the F.A.A.'s Technical Centre, acknowledged that any accidents would have died unless they got out very rapidly. But he was optimistic that the test would be deemed successful because of lessons learned.

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bring the additive into use will be issued this month when comments will be invited from the airlines, said Adm Don

Engen, Administrator of the

Avgard, was adopted world-wide it would open up a market for ICL worth \$830 million annually.

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As it was, nowhere near 12,000 gallons burned, said Mr David Lane, New Products Manager for ICL Paints.

"It wasn't as good as we expected, but the Avgard was working with 10 times more fuel than we've tried before."

'Bill of £10,000' for Khomeini refugees

By JULIAN ISHERWOOD in Copenhagen

IRANIAN refugees fleeing Ayatollah Khomeini's régime have to pay up to £1,000 to the East German airline Interflug for its part in bringing them to Scandinavia, according to the Danish refugee organisation.

The Danish government is considering asking East Germany to "make more serious efforts" to reduce the lucrative traffic.

Denmark has experienced a 500 per cent increase in Gulf War refugees this year.

The increase is seriously worrying the authorities as most refugees arrive having been given false promises of a life of permanent welfare and job security as political refugees.

"We have received some harrowing reports of what these people have been through and promised," said Mr Bjorn Elmquist a Liberal MP.

While only 438 refugees arrived from Iran and Iraq in 1983, some 2,520 have turned up in the first 11 months of 1984. Of these 1,600 are Iranians, 500 Iraqis and 200 Turks.

"This is an alarming increase as they are not ensured asylum as they have been told and even risk being sent back to Iran unless they can prove their refugee status," said the director of Denmark's Alien Directorate. At present 15 cases hang in the balance.

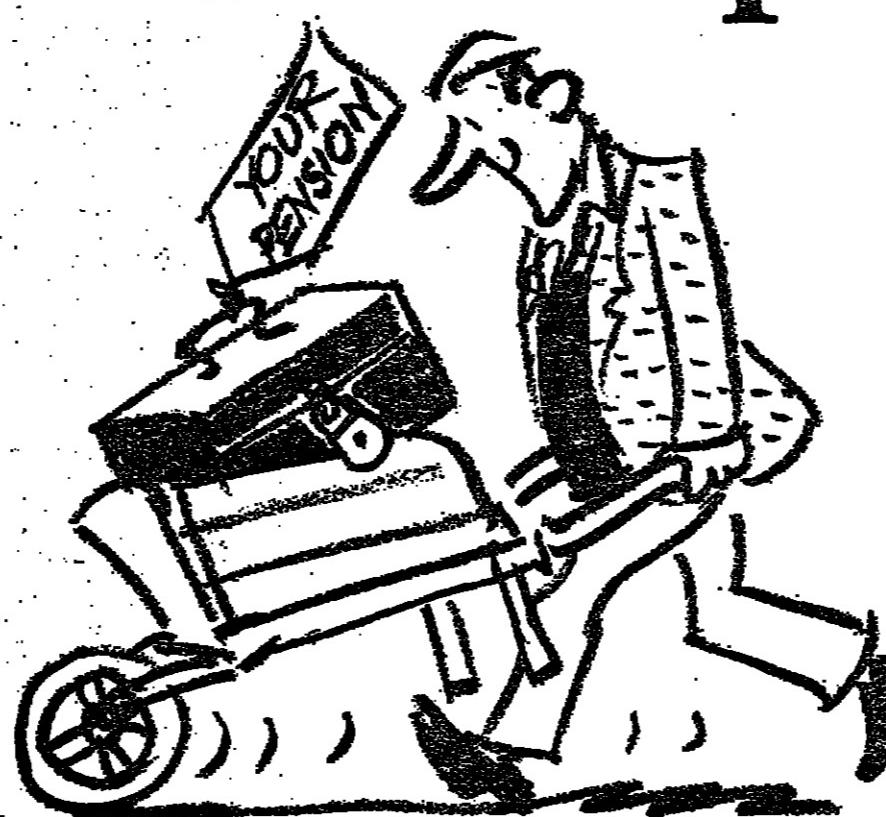
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Then they go to the East German Embassy and buy a transit visa to East Berlin. The next stop is the airline offices where they have to pay £10,000 for a flight to East Berlin.

Then a train fare to Copenhagen takes them across the Baltic Sea to Denmark where they throw away their passports and ask for political asylum," said the spokesman. The entire trip can cost £10,000.

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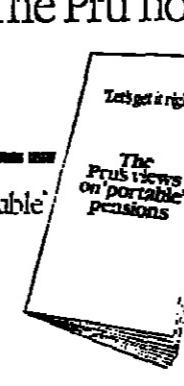
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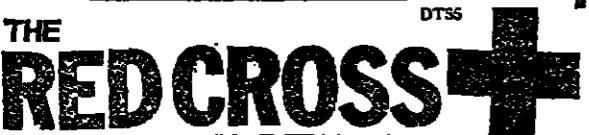
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NAVAL EQUIPMENT ARRIVES IN 'MADE IN RUSSIA' BOX

By DESMOND WETTERN Naval Correspondent

THE crew of the 4,100-ton Boxer, one of the Navy's latest anti-submarine frigates, are puzzled and concerned over the arrival on board of some replacement electrical equipment in a seemingly new packing case inscribed in both English and Russian: "Made in the USSR."

The equipment, an amplifier intended for maintaining communications between members of the flight deck crew during helicopter operations, was supplied direct to the ship by a Croydon company instead of going through a Naval stores depot, as things like machine tools in exchange.

On board the Boxer amplifier has been found to lack sufficient power for the job it was required to do, and it has now been replaced and re-installed to provide the main broadcast system for men working in the ship's machinery where noise levels would be lower.

While the risk of the amplifier being bugged is considered remote by senior Naval technicians, there must be some concern if unauthorised people could be in a position to know in some detail the kind of equipment being fitted in our ships," one officer said.

Mr Graham Cook, managing director of Clifford and Snell of Croydon, who supplied the amplifier to the Boxer at Portland Naval base, said it was ridiculous to suggest that the equipment had come from Russia.

"We don't have any dealings with the Russians and in any case we are a Ministry of Defence approved and inspected contractor."

Barter relic

He pointed out that packaging of the company's equipment for the Ministry was normally done by outside sub-contractors.

But later he admitted that as this particular item had been required urgently it had been packed on the company's premises.

"We buy packaging materials and these sometimes have Russian or Chinese markings on them. They're probably cases obtained originally by other companies trading with the Eastern bloc who have to take

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Lt-Cdr Peter Tatham on board the frigate Boxer with the lid of the mystery crate.

BELGRANO INQUIRY

By GUY RAIS

A FORMER Navy lieutenant who kept a diary of events leading to the sinking of the Argentine cruiser General Belgrano during the Falklands war in 1982 has been interviewed by officers of the serious crimes squad at Scotland Yard.

Mr Narendra Sethia, 28, who left the Royal Navy two years ago and now lives in the Caribbean island of St Lucia, returned to London last week and was questioned by detectives inquiring into the disappearance of the log of the submarine Conqueror, which sank the Argentine cruiser in May 1982.

Mr Sethia, who was at Harrow School and Dartmouth, understood to have told officers that he knew nothing about the disappearance of the submarine's log, and that excerpts from his diary, which he admitted keeping, had been published in a newspaper without consent.

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A fund of variety in Milton Keynes

By JOHN GRIGSBY Local Government Correspondent

MR FRANK HENSHAW, general manager of Milton Keynes, pointed out of his office window at the new buildings lining Midsummer Boulevard.

"That was funded by the British Steel Pension Fund, the shopping centre by ourselves and the Post Office Pension Fund."

The hotel, he added, is being built by Trust House Forte; that was funded by Scottish Amicale, Tarmac and Sun Alliance.

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Power board's acid rain claim 'wrong'

THE Central Electricity Generating Board is accused of dicing the Government about acid rain in a report published today by the environmental pressure group Friends of the Earth.

According to the report, the board has exaggerated the cost of equipment needed to ensure a 50 per cent reduction of sulphur dioxide emissions, the worst pollutant, by 1985.

The board has said the provision of the equipment would add between £10 to 50 per cent to its generating costs, implying that consumers would have to foot a heavy bill for this environmental improvement.

However, according to Friends of the Earth, this cost would apply only to 12 large power stations, which account for 36 per cent of the board's generating capacity.

Union chief's back at Neddy

Union leaders will on Wednesday have their first across-the-table meeting with Ministers for 10 months. The meeting of the National Economic Development Council will be the first to be attended by the TUC since it pulled out of the monthly get-togethers with the Government and CBI in February.

The boycott threatened to kill off Neddy, and there has been no meeting of the council since June. But during the interim period there have been meetings between the TUC and CBI aimed at agreeing a joint approach to make Neddy more effective.

Peace demo

13 arrested

Thirteen people were arrested when 40 peace campaigners climbed over a perimeter fence and broke into RAF Alconbury, Cambridgeshire. Eight were arrested for obstruction and a further five for criminal damage. Some people occupied military sentry posts before being escorted off the airfield by police. They included Mrs Mabel Baker, 65, a grandmother from Cambridge. TAKE IT EASY

Cracker makers

on 50p an hour

One third of the contract workers who do jobs in their homes such as making Christmas crackers, earn only 50p an hour, according to a report by the Low Pay Unit.

Three-quarters of these people—mostly women—earn less than £1 an hour, says the report.

But a group of new skilled "homeworkers" such as computer programmers, earn on average £4-55 an hour.

Union ballot

cash 'hypocrisy'

TUC unions are accused of "hypocrisy" by the moderate Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers for opposing the use of Government money for secret ballots.

Mr Gavin Laird, general secretary, writing in the AUEW journal, says it "verges on the criminal" if his union does not claim back the £500,000 a year it spends on electing all its officials.

40,000 BR jobs lost by 1990

British Rail will have shed 40,000 people by 1990 but recruited 25,000 and achieved a big cut in support from the taxpayer, says Mr Bob Reid, chairman.

He says that although the unions do not like the job rundown because they are losing members and funds, they have been "sensible and very reasonable about it over the years although they argued and resisted."

Fire deaths

Leonard Davies, 2, died in a fire after his mother, brother and two sisters jumped to safety from their house in Swansea. A woman was found dead in her bathroom. Firemen who fought a blaze at her home in Westbourne Park.

Customs post

Mr Richard Lawrence, 49, is to become the Chief Investigation Officer of Customs and Excise in January. He will succeed Mr Peter Cutting who retires later this month.

BA's new image made in America

By Air Cdre G. S. COOPER Air Correspondent

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Giving Lord King and his colleagues the benefit of the doubt, one assumes that the selection of the American design group has been made either because the expertise is not available in this country, or that there is a cost-saving by choosing American or that the United States design proposals are of outstanding merit.

As neither seems to be the case, could BA be asked to look again at what they are doing, and also be reminded that it was who told us to fly more conspicuous international

Today's mid-year results will reflect the rewards of the airline's recovery plan initiated in September, 1981.

With costs down after the reduction in over-manning and rise in traffic, an operating profit of £256 million is expected for the first six months of the year.

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THE GOVERNMENT'S ABOLITION BILL: MORE CON THAN COMM

Today and tomorrow, M.P.'s in the Commons are debating the Government's controversial Bill to abolish the six metropolitan county councils.

Introducing it last week, Local Government Minister Kenneth Baker proclaimed: "The Bill will bring about major improvements in local government in our great cities. It will mean that local government will be more local, more accessible, more economical and more accountable."

If such claims are remotely true, why has the abolition issue attracted such massive opposition? After all, doesn't everyone want to see greater efficiency and increased effectiveness of services in all walks of life?

The key factor is that the Government's claims are a world apart from all the factual evidence produced in a series of independent studies.

Mr. Baker says the Bill's enactment would lead to minimum savings to ratepayers of £50 million a year in the six metropolitan counties. Would it?

No, say top financial consultants Coopers & Lybrand Associates who, in deciding that abolition could cost the metropolitan ratepayers as much as £69 million extra every

year, said: "Our updated analysis does not support the Government's claims for savings as a result of the re-allocation of functions detailed in the Bill."

"We conclude there are unlikely to be any net savings and that there could be significant extra costs. We have not been able to reconcile the difference between the Government's estimate and our estimate."

Mr. Baker also says the Bill would mean "better local government" handing most of the metropolitan county council functions to the districts, removing confusion, streamlining services. Would it?

No, say internationally renowned P.A. Management Consultants whose report refutes all of the Government's streamlining claims, stating that: "The existing structure provides a more effective, more accountable and less complex framework for providing services than the Government's alternative structure."

P.A. consultants added: "We have been unable to find a single service where the quality of service is likely to be improved as a result of the change in structure. In many cases, we believe there will be a marked decline in quality."

The Abolition Bill itself is a very thick and complex document. Yet, like the White Paper before it, its claims are hollow; its proposals transparent. Which may explain why the experts have seen right through it: a Bill that won't save money. A Bill that complicates rather than streamlines local government, making it less local and far less accountable. A Bill that fails even to meet its own objectives.

As P.A.'s report concludes: "We believe there is little doubt that if the proposals are enacted in their present form, Parliament will be considering further changes in the metropolitan local government system within the next decade."

So, today and tomorrow, when M.P.'s debate a matter whose outcome will affect the lives of more than 11 million people, they might do well to reflect on The Guardian's recent leader column in which the newspaper surmised: "It is impossible to read the Bill without asking one question: What on earth is the point of it all? Environment Secretary Patrick Jenkin insists that nothing has altered the Government's conviction about an unnecessary tier of local government. But the emphasis is increasingly on the con."

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THE ARTS

FILM / The Thief of Bagdad
Romance lives on

THE CULT is catching on. No doubt about that. How could it fail to? No one can have sat through any of the silent film classics, since Abel Gance's "Napoleon" was restored to us in 1980, without realising that their accompaniment by a full-scale orchestra creates an new and exciting kind of theatrical experience.

Thus, it has become the happy tradition of the London Film Festival, which ended at the weekend after successfully spreading itself into eight cinemas, to present in conjunction with Thames Television, some anniversaries early with Carl Davis conducting the Philharmonia Orchestra in the pit of the Dominion Theatre.

This time, it was Douglas Fairbanks' "The Thief Of Bagdad" (1924). It played for three performances. It ought to play right over Christmas and would surely be popular enough to do so. For here is such a satisfying "seasonal" entertainment, with its mastodonic effects, and fairytale morality, spectacular high jinks and Arabian Nights exuberance, that it feels like a compendium of everything we ever heard or believed about romantic cinema.

People who fear that film-going is on the verge of extinction and that whatever they want to see will be confined to the Box, should have been at the Dominion at the weekend, as we awaited the arrival of the leader of the orchestra, Christopher Warren-Green, and the musicians who had boldly dispensed with the original 1924 score by Mortimer Wilson and supplied his own

under the inspiration of Rimsky-Korsakov.

A tense silence as the curtains part. A blank screen. Suspended breath. A raised baton; lowered lights; and then we are off into a breath-taking world of Oriental myth and dashing heroics, flying carpets, lurking monsters, a cast of thousands, and at its centre, the unceasingly nimble Fairbanks, never more at ease than as he dashes through the sky on a white, winged charger.

All (of course) for the sake of a veiled princess whose hand is coveted by the rest of the Orient as one potentate after another stakes his claim but we know that the formerly exuberant petty thief will turn up in time to win her. This is when the conductor's rearrangements of Rimsky-Korsakov reach their emotional peak. We laugh at our relish of such outmoded silliness, and Fairbanks the director smiles with us at the mock solemnity of such extravagance.

He makes us realise the power of a story on the screen when it is told with such courteous coherence and the occasional quaint "period" captions in a style which Stevenson called "rusher". And the presence of the orchestra makes us realise the power of music to create a bridge between us and the screen. In a way, they hold the key by which films could be given back to the cinema. It is the kind of fancy which Fairbanks symbolises so wittily.

Eric Shorter



Helena Bonham Carter being crowned in the Great Hall at Winchester Castle for a new Paramount film, "Lady Jane." The 18-year-old actress is the great grand-daughter of Lord Asquith.

TV's female team

GAMBLES and Milne were two years old last month. Not a TV female cop team, or anything to do with detergent manufacture. The names are the small print beneath one of Channel Four's best-established documentary titles, "Twenty Twenty Vision," back on screen last Saturday, after an eight-month absence, with a powerful three-part series on child sex abuse.

When Channel Four was being set up in 1982, part of its declared intention was to recruit an all-female documentary team, to provide as C4 boss Jeremy Isaacs put it, "a different perspective." In the event he found himself with two: Gambles, Milne, Productions, and "Broadside."

Well, strictly speaking, one and a half, Claudia Milne, who is half of the executive partnership, explains that "Twenty Twenty" was never set up as an all-woman outfit. "I just happen to be Lyn and I am both women and we got labelled with the all-woman tag. It doesn't bother us one way or the other. In fact more than half the people who work with us are men."

In the first 17 months of Channel Four's existence, the Gambles-Milne partnership provided 40 half-hour documentary programmes under the "Twenty Twenty" banner. One of them, "Children are Marvellous," she beams, "the minute I get home I forget that work exists."

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"I'm going to get some fresh air" remains the soap opera's favourite exit line. The floral display at these nuptials, perhaps diabolically arranged by Alexis, made me wonder if everybody would get out in time.

More sparing was the vegetation of Wally K. Daly's "Flowers Tomorrow," the closing episode of another Juliet Bravo (BBC 1) season. Inspector Anna Carteret's subordinates even did their best to wither her appalling new cactus with repeated injections of their favourite dry humour.

In fact this was not a good week for the Inspector, left wide-eyed in the trail of a model citizen turned criminally violent by the pressures of unemployment. This was indeed a commendable attempt to tell off these pressures through popular drama. An effective performance by George Irving as the victim more or less overcame jerkiness in direction, Bravo.

Fiction writers, Dickens and Dostoevsky included, cannot match what happens to the victims of real life. The matter-of-fact tones adopted by those who gave evidence in "Twenty Twenty Vision: Child Sex Abuse" (C4) made their stories the more chilling. Lyn Gambles was aghast. "I honestly believe it only mattered once — when we did one called 'Punters' about why men visit prostitutes. I don't think a man would have thought of it in the first place."

Gambles and Milne, both in

their late 30s, both with 16 or

17 years of solid TV slogging behind them, defy the male-imaged stereotype of the committed career woman. Claudia Milne, blonde and round-faced, looks positively domesticated: reasonably enough, since she's just had her third baby.

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FARMER'S DIARY

Taking stock of passengers on the District Line

JAMES GLADSTONE on an annual event that brings the country up to Town

WE yokels will be conspicuous: "You can't read and you can't write, but you can drive a tractor."

Those in the crowd who drive tractors for a living took this more as a compliment than the insult intended, for farm machinery is increasingly technical, complex and demanding to operate.

The arable men on the District Line passengers. It is not that we shall have our straw hats tied at the knee with twine, or wear smocks, or suck straws. The differences will be more subtle than that.

Our shoes will be stouter than the City man's, our best suits heavier and hairier and tending more to greens and browns than blues and greys. We shall carry hats or caps in preference to umbrellas and our faces, redder than the habitual smokers' will reveal an eagerness and excitement about being in town that will contrast favourably with the looks of listless resignation worn by those for whom London is an everyday chore.

The deeper we sink into the mud of our farms, the more we feel like hayseeds when we venture into the metropolitan. People, traffic and noise combine to jolt us into feelings of insecurity which we seldom suffer in our own familiar surroundings. Is this the right train? Is it going my way? Where is the ticket? Have I the correct change? Can I squeeze in that carriage?

Dangers that lie in wait

London is a hundred little decisions never faced in the farmyard or the fields.

There are so many people and things to be avoided. In a field, where he only has to steer clear of cowpats, the farmer walks with his eyes on a point about two yards in front of his leading wellie. In Regent street such a narrow line of vision leaves him either under a bus or head-butting on-coming shoppers.

If he raises his gaze to see the people, the shop windows and the traffic, an unsuspected curb lays him low. There are no curbs in a 10-acre meadow.

It is the speed of everything that makes us feel like yokels. There never seems to be time to stop and think, let alone talk. The further from London we live, the more noticeable this is, for the speed of living decreases in direct relation to the number of miles between the barn and Piccadilly Circus.

Although it is uncomfortable to feel like bumpkins, we quietly suspect we are superior to the Townies. When Arsenal played Oxford at Oxford recently, the London fans showed their ignorance by taunting their hosts with the obscure

Minority that has gained its majority

SANJOY ROY-CHOWDHURY on the Asian community which is seen but seldom heard

I RECENTLY watched BBC television's Asian programme on consecutive Sundays. They were dedicated to the demise of Mrs Gandhi.

There was scarcely any new material, which was no fault of the programme makers. The saturation coverage of the preceding days had shown almost everything. And though the programme was in Hindi, it had English subtitles. In other words, it was a feature which was neither rich in new material, nor was it targeting audience well defined.

Established over two decades ago, this pioneer slot helped the immigrants from the Indian nation who were often more than a little lost in an alien environment.

But 20 or so years on, times have changed. The outsiders have become far more established.

Appreciation of East and West

When I suggested to my 25-year-old son, who has been here all his life, that the ethnic programme may well be for him, he looked at me with a mixture of incredulity and humour. It is not that he has become a *pucca sahib* (English gent); his devotion to the extended family along with the grandparents and interest in Indian culture is quite remarkable. It is simply that the younger generation of Asians born and brought up in Britain has no problem of communication and has the added advantage of appreciating the cultural heritage of both East and West.

While there is an undoubted need to hear the opinions and feelings of the minority groups, some may well deem these programmes as inverted cultural apartheid.

Indeed, if the programme makers are visionary and businesslike, as they seem to be, they should make a concerted effort to include articulate members of the ethnic community in all sorts of general programmes.

Over the past few years, strides have been made in

NOTEBOOK: TIM HEALD

IT is a matter of some surprise that, as far as I know, there is no waxy note of "An English Gentleman" in Madame Tussaud's. I see him standing on a piece of "Astro-turf" or "Cyrilawn" masquerading as grouse moor and I know that while other accoutrements may be open to argument, he will have a hat from Mr Lock on his head and shoes from Mr Lobb on his feet. And in his hand he will hold one of Mr Purdey's

fault—he ordered another pair at once. W. G. Grace shot with a Purdey, as did Charles Darwin. Khrushchev ordered no less than four during the sixties; Prince Obolensky was a customer; likewise Bing Crosby.

Now, 170 years after the company's foundation, the present chairman, Richard Beaumont, has written a history.

He was given the company by his uncle, Lord Sherwood, in 1949, after a family misunderstanding. Lord Sherwood had bought the company a few years earlier because the Purdeys themselves had fallen on hard times; he had also promised Richard Beaumont a duckpond with two acres but somehow the duckpond was sold to someone else and he was prevailed upon to give it to Purdey's instead.

The first thing I knew about the arrangement was in the present chairman in his book, "was when the telephone rang and I was told, 'Uncle Hughie has given you Purdey's.'

He doesn't tell the story as I heard it, which was that on being told of the gift, he exclaimed: "But I've got a pair already."

The firm's headquarters are on the corner of South Audley and Mount Street, a part of the world where every shop front seems to have a coat of arms over the front door.

Once inside you immediately sense an air of tranquil permanence. This may be illusory because there have been times when the company was a hair's breadth from collapse.

Purdey's. The guns and the family. By Richard Beaumont. David and Charles. £15.

gains. It will set him back a minimum £12,500 but nothing else will quite do.

Purdey is one of those few British craft names that are still, happily if surprisingly, synonymous with excellence.

They are still Gun Makers to the Queen, Prince Philip and the Prince of Wales just as they once made guns for Queen Victoria, the Russian Czars and King Alfonso XIII of Spain, described by old Tom Purdey as "the best friend Purdey's ever had." In 1962 General Franco injured his thumb out shooting with his Purdeys. Not the gun's

fault—it is called "Long Room," the loudest sound is the tickling of the clock, reminding you of the interior of a Rolls-Royce which is not, as it happens, a bad analogy. On one wall the enormous picture of James Purdey the Younger complete with monocle, tweeds, whiskers and one of his guns, dominates the room. It was painted in 1891 by Archibald Stewart-Wrotley.

Mr Beaumont, who is small and dapper, charming, humorous and an exceedingly keen shot himself, holds court in the Long Room, sitting at the

How do you measure up to your gun?



Purdey's across three generations: Tom Purdey in front of the portrait of his grandfather, James Purdey, "the younger".

R.A., who, one need hardly say, was a keen shot, and a Purdey devotee. His other famous portrait is of W.G. Grace, but that, alas, at Lord's. Here in what is also called the Long Room, though it is shorter than the more famous one in St John's Wood, the Doctor can be seen in one of masses of photos which plaster the walls. He looks as if he is about to blast an important empire.

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Long Room, the customer goes down to the west London Shooting Grounds and has a practical session of target practice, again with an

adjustable gun. Then it's all over to the builders. Purdey's components are "made"—stock, barrel, action. To give you an idea of the craftsmanship involved, each stock is made from a block of scented walnut purchased on site in the Dordogne. After six years, it is seasoned for another six in England. Sometimes when hand working begins an undetectable fault is dis-

covered and a few fingers missing.

There is a special adjustable

gun in the Long Room, and

Mr Beaumont has discussed the sort of shoot his client will be going in for—whether it's elephants or

pigeons as it were—or the gun

together and take measurements. Just like a tailor taking the inside leg. One of

the great problems in shooting—not something that bothers me since I retired

after my last term as a corporal—is that the left eye gets

stiffer with age. Or perhaps the right eye gets weaker. In any event this can be rectified by "casting off."

The reputation of the great

Lord Ripon evidently passed

down through the generations of lesser shots. Lord Ripon shot with both eyes open which suited him but by no means everyone who followed suit.

Each year the company produces only 65 to 70 weapons.

In their entire existence

since 1814, they have built

less than 30,000—all individu-

ally numbered. A clear case of small being beautiful.

In 1978, Olivetti introduced the world's first electronic typewriter.

Its success has been both spectacular and continuous. So much so that sales of Olivetti electronic typewriters have now reached 1,650,000.

The present range features different models to meet different needs. Each is capable of up-grading to a word processing system and of being integrated into advanced office automation environments.

Many other manufacturers: European,

Japanese and American have acknowledged that the Olivetti range of electronic typewriters has set a standard worthy of imitation. Yet none has been able to equal it.

Today the most widely sold electronic typewriter is an Olivetti.

Even the most recent announcements introducing other electronic typewriters have proved that Olivetti chose the best solution from the very start.

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COURT AND SOCIAL

Court Circular

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE, Dec. 2. Princess Alexandra and the Hon. Angus Ogilvy this morning attended a Service for the dedication of the new organ at St Andrew's Church, Hanover, Richmond, Surrey.

Princess Alexandra will be present at the luncheon at Guildhall on Jan. 29 on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Standard Drama Awards ceremony.

Memorial services for Lord Howard of Henderskelfe will be

Forthcoming Marriages

Mr M. J. R. Edwards and Miss C. M. Thornton

The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of the late Mr. and the Hon. Mrs. Geoffrey, Adelaine, of Caroline, twin daughter of Sir Compton, and Mrs. D. F. Thornton, of Silsden, West Sussex.

Mr C. A. Berg and Miss E. Middlemiss

The engagement is announced between Colin Angus, son of the late Hon. Mr. Justice C. E. Bell and of Mrs. Ruth Berg, and Suzanne, daughter of Captain and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. G. B. Middleton, of Winsham, Somerset, and Mrs. R. Reeves, of Duxford, Surrey. The marriage will take place in Sydney, on Dec. 22.

Mr J. E. Deering and Miss L. J. Kelly

The engagement is announced between Jeremy, son of Mr and Mrs. G. E. Deering, of Mallard Hey, Scarisbrick, Lancashire, and Kirsten, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. F. J. D. Kelly, of Tonbridge, Kent.

Mr C. G. Stanton and Miss L. J. C. Carpenter

The engagement is announced between Charles, elder son of Lt-Col and Mrs. J. R. G. Stanton, of Stretton Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire, and Linda, younger daughter of Lt-Col and Mrs. D. G. Carpenter of Pheasant Cottage, Freshwater, Surrey.

WEDDINGS

Vice-Adm. Sir Alastair Ewing and Mrs. H. Wilkin

The marriage took place quietly in Palm Beach, Florida, on Nov. 21, between Vice-Adm. Sir Alastair Ewing and Mrs. Henry Wilkin, of Anchor House, Lulworth, Dorset.

Mr C. Karpidas and Mrs. P. Parry

The marriage took place on Saturday, Dec. 1, in London, between Mr. Constantine Karpidas and Mrs. Pauline Parry.

CHRISTENINGS

The infant son of the Hon. Ian and Mrs. Wills was christened James Douglas Hamilton by the Rev. David Porter at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Whittington, yesterday. The Godparents are Mr. Anthony Colburn, Mr. Mark Savage, Miss Annabel Owen and Mrs. Helen Carter for whom Miss Amanda Downe stood proxy.

The christening took place on Tuesday, November 27, 1984, of Charles Robert George Peel, the infant son of Hugo and Elizabeth Peel at Holy Trinity, Bromley. Rev. Mr. Peter Peacock officiated and the Godparents were Mrs. Patrick Bowring, Mrs. Richard Garner, Mr. Thomas Messel and Mr. John McFeatey.

SERVICE LUNCHEON

Royal Leicestershire Regiment (17th Foot) - The annual luncheon party for officers of the Royal Leicestershire Regiment (17th Foot) and their ladies was held on Saturday at the Duke of York's HQ, Chelmsford. Maj.-Gen. Sir Douglas Renfrew presided.

RECEPTION

Yugoslav Ambassador and Mrs. Stojanovic were guests of honour at a reception held on Saturday by the British-Yugoslav Society. The annual luncheon to celebrate the 41st anniversary of Yugoslavia National Day (Nov. 29), Sir Fitzroy Maclean of Dumfriesshire, President of the Society, and Lady Maclean received the guests. Among those present were Sir Edward Ballard, Sir Terence and Lady Darvall, and the Chairman of the Society, Mr. John Evans.

DINNER

St. Edmund's School Society. The annual dinner of the St. Edmund's School Society was held on Saturday at the Moat House Hotel, Mt. G. R. Cooper, President of the Society, was in the chair. Mr. T. Phillips, warden of the school, and Mr. D. T. Christie, was the chief guest and Mr. T. H. Christie was also present.

Old Redingians Club

The annual dinner of the Old Redingians Club, to be given on Dec. 8, Mr. George Parker will preside. An Old Boy wishing to attend should apply to the Hon. Sec., or a Reading School.

IN MEMORIAM

Sir Francis Portal. The Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, who was present at the service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Francis Portal held on Saturday at St. Mary's, Overton, Hampshire. Mr. P. C. Cunningham officiated. The Bishop of Winchester, Mr. John Selwyn-Gummer, M.P., Chairman of the Conservative Party, The Dean of Exeter, the Very Rev. R. M. S. Lane, officiated. The lesson was read by Canon F. A. Sanders, Mr. Philip Ponsonby, read from "Industry," a poem in Sir Francis' own handwriting. The Bishop of Exeter, Bishop of Winchester, Dr. W. H. Christie was also present.

Mrs Gordon Shattock

The Lord Lieutenant of Devonshire, the Earl of Morley, was present at the service of thanksgiving for the life of Mrs. Jeanne Shattock held on Saturday at Exeter Cathedral. The Prince of Wales, Mr. John Selwyn-Gummer, M.P., Chairman of the Conservative Party, The Dean of Exeter, the Very Rev. R. M. S. Lane, officiated. The lesson was read by the Bishop of Dorchester, who also represented the Diocese of Exeter. Address was given by Prof. N. Davey, the Bishop of Exeter gave the blessing.

Mrs Gordon Shattock, Western Area Chairman of the Conservative Party, attended with other members of the family, and the large congregation also included members of Her Majesty's Household, Members of both Houses of Parliament, representatives of the Cancer Research Campaign, the Guide Dogs for the Blind, the Veterinary Association, and other organisations.

WHAT is the point of ex-Prime Ministers? This may seem a rather impertinent question. This small group of men has as much right as anyone else to exist—it's members do not need a point. But that does not seem to be the view of most of the men concerned.

Mr. Edward Heath, for instance, clearly thinks that there is a great deal of point to him. His main point is that he should still be Prime Minister and his secondary point is that, as a distinguished ex-Prime Minister, he has a unique store of wisdom to contribute to our public affairs.

In one sense, Mr. Heath must be right. Anyone who has held such an office knows a great deal which other people do not: such knowledge could certainly be useful to the inexperienced. For such knowledge to have much point, however, it must be accompanied with wisdom, and if one studies Mr. Heath's effusions over the years since 1975, including his speech last Friday, one notices that they are marked not by wisdom, but by anger.

It is not so much that what he says is wrong (though it usually is), as that he says it not to increase the store of political understanding, but to get his own back on the woman who has replaced him. This is imprudent, since the woman generally gets the upper hand because it only serves to remind everyone how very thoroughly Mr. Heath no longer holds a position of any importance.

Perhaps Mr. Heath is unaware of this. In his daily life, he seems to try as far as possible to reproduce the conditions of a man holding high public office. He meets frighteningly important world statesmen and flies across the world a great deal. He delivers "major" speeches about the world banking system and development in the Third World. He attends receptions and drives in limousines.

Nothing that Mr. Heath says or does ever acknowledges the simple fact that he will never hold office again. Superficially, no one could

Latest Wills

BELL, A. M. Notting Hill ... £25,648 BROWN, J. P. N. West Witton ... 102,397 BOYD-CARPENTER, F. H. South Petherton, Somerset ... £212,963 DUNLOP, J. W. Sheringham ... 300,945 JENNER, Mrs. M. E. F. Bassingham, Cambs ... 224,876 LEATON, W. Shipley ... 194,143 MOORE, F. O. Nottingham ... 455,916 PUGH, E. E. Baslow, Nottingham ... 222,228 PRITCHARD, O. E. Rove ... 171,158 WEST, Mrs. D. E. West ... 157,988 WILKINSON, R. Penrith, Cumbria ... 231,912 WOLFE, Mrs. E. Marylebone 174,713

TODAY'S EVENTS

Prince Philip, President of the King George V Memorial Foundation, will open the new Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Edinburgh on a six-day official visit at the invitation of the French Bishops' Conference. He will also visit Lyon and the Abbey of Bec-Hellouin, in Normandy. Mgr Jean-Marie Lustiger, Cardinal Archbishop of Paris, met Dr Runcie at the cathedral and escorted him up the aisle to the strains of the Trumpet voluntary. The choir of Canterbury Cathedral sang.

TOMORROW'S EVENTS

THE QUEEN'S Diamond Jubilee Investiture at Buckingham Palace, 11 a.m.

Prince Philip, Patron and Trustee, Palace for young people who have reached the end of their Secondary Education, Award, 11.30 a.m.

ROYAL GUARDS: DR. W. H. Webster to be Conductor RAC Centre; Almudena to be Conductor St. Simeon's.

COLONIAL LIFE: Life Insurance—To be conducted by Dr. D. C. Webster to the Royal Guards.

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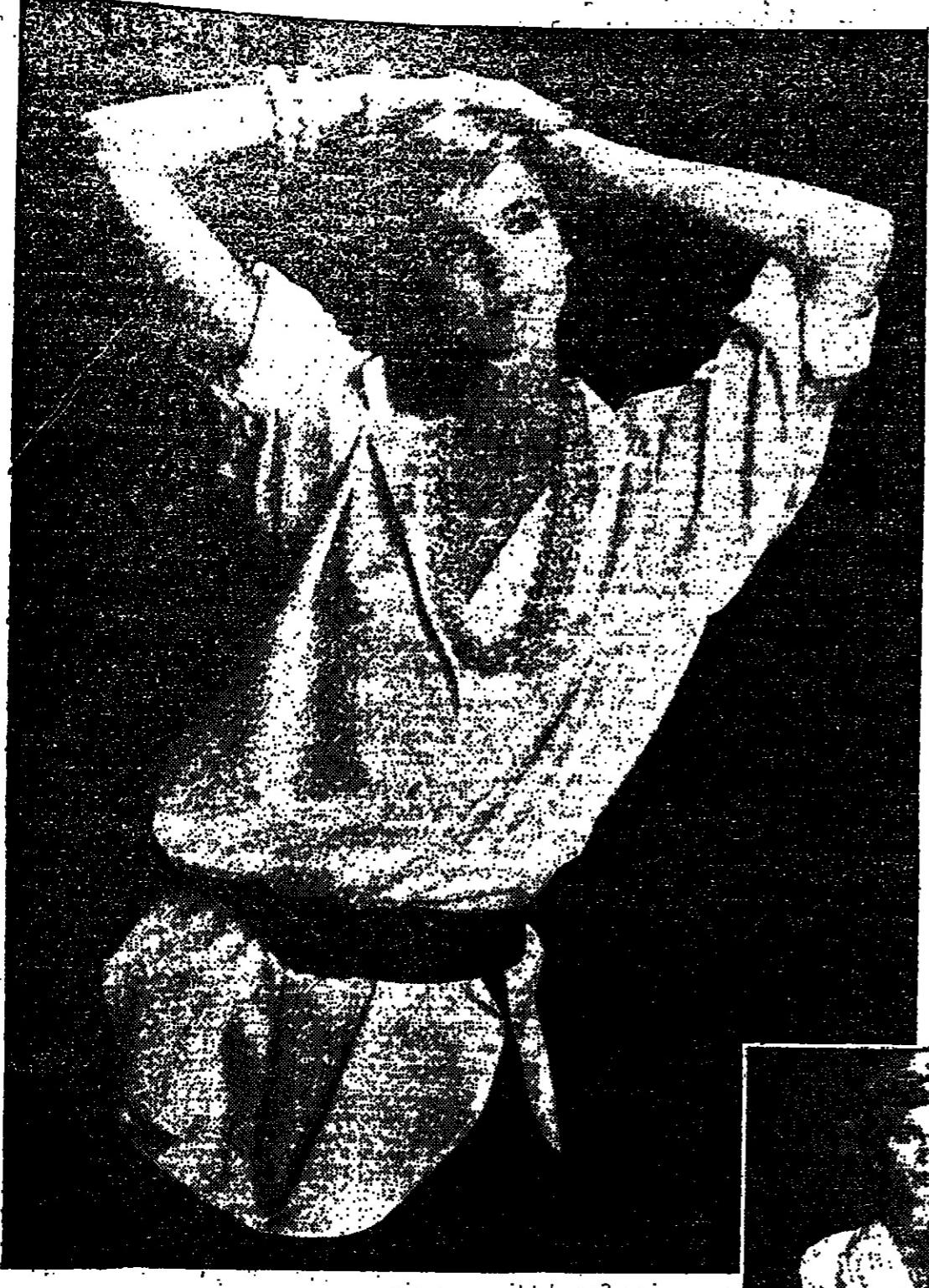
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INSTANT PARTY GLAMOUR, WITH A SHIRT



Huge cream satin night-shirt (left) worn as a tunic. Also in black or violet, sizes 8 to 14, £15.99, belt £7.99, both from all branches of Principles. Pearls from a selection at Liberty.

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Cream satin wrap blouse (below) with a Thirties air, sizes 8 to 14, also in garnet, £29 from all branches of Options at Austin Reed. Necklace and earrings from a selection by Monty Don at Liberty, London W1.



ADDING THE TOPPING

BY ANN CHUBB

NOTHING beats this season's soft satin shirt for a touch of instant party glamour. You can find it at all price levels too, from the designer-labelled versions in pure silk to machine wash-and-wear polyester.

The soft gleam of satin, in either pale creams and silvers or the brighter-than-bright pinks and blues, provides the perfect foil to sombre neutral colours that for most of us form the sensible backbone of our winter wardrobe.

Satin looks as good, too, mixed unconventionally with daytime fabrics like tweed, flannel or leather as it does with the more expected black velvet or lace of evening.

It is also the perfect day-into-night-time fabric for the working woman — swap your demure daytime top for a T-shirt of bright shiny satin, add some dazzling diamanté.

Paul Costelloe's safari shirt in creamy pure silk satin is the ultimate luxury, and in his collection he teamed it with long, lean skirts of Donegal tweed or with

wide, manly trousers of taupe gaberdine.

A wonderful long

length with proper shirt-tails, you can wear it either hip-hugged, tunic-style, over a slim skirt or tuck it into trousers. You can pin a brooch beneath the collar for a demure daytime look or leave it unbuttoned and décolleté.

Marks and Spencer's shorter, simpler, polyester version at just £15.99 is a winner — beautifully tailored with just one simple button plus shoulder pads, it looks deceptively pricey, particularly in the subtle

taupe shade. Best of all, it can be popped into the washing machine, emerging with barely a crease so that the minimum of ironing is needed.

Look along the rails of lingerie at Principles (the new Burton chain, whose latest shop has just opened at Edinburgh: there will be two more by Christmas) and you will find the wonderful satin nightshirt we picture.

"Far too good to wear in bed," said our model, and teamed it dramatically with slim black trousers, wide black leather hip belt and a mass of mammoth pearls.



Oyster silk satin safari shirt, above left, also in ginger, deep green, taupe and beige, sizes 8 to 16, £89, by Paul Costelloe from Harvey Nichols, London SW1. Pearls and belt from a selection at Liberty. Right above, taupe satin shirt in machine-washable polyester; also silver or white, sizes

10 to 18, £15.99 from 50 branches of Marks and Spencer countrywide. Soft jersey evening trousers in black, sapphire or amethyst, sizes 6 to 14, £79 from all branches of Jaeger, Bow brooch, £60, by Monty Don from Harvey Nichols, London SW1.

BABY FASHION NOTEBOOK

A's more very premature and low-birth-weight babies survive due to improved medical care, the need for something to dress them becomes more acute.

Tiny, scrawny babies are often not so appealing as full-term ones, and it is important psychologically for mothers to be able to present them prettily to friends rather than in over-large clothes designed for normal-sized newborns.

With this in mind, old-established babywear firms

Harringtons has developed over the past two years a special low birthweight Range with denim, smocks, rompers, stretch-kits, hooded sleeping bags and knitted hats.

All are designed for the warmth and coziness such a delicate baby needs and will fit weight from 3lb to 7lb.

Prices: £2.95 for hats, though £7.40 for the sleeping bag; £10.15 for the romper and £11.65 for the denim — quite a lot for something the baby will

quickly grow out of and which every mother will hope will not be needed for another member of the family.

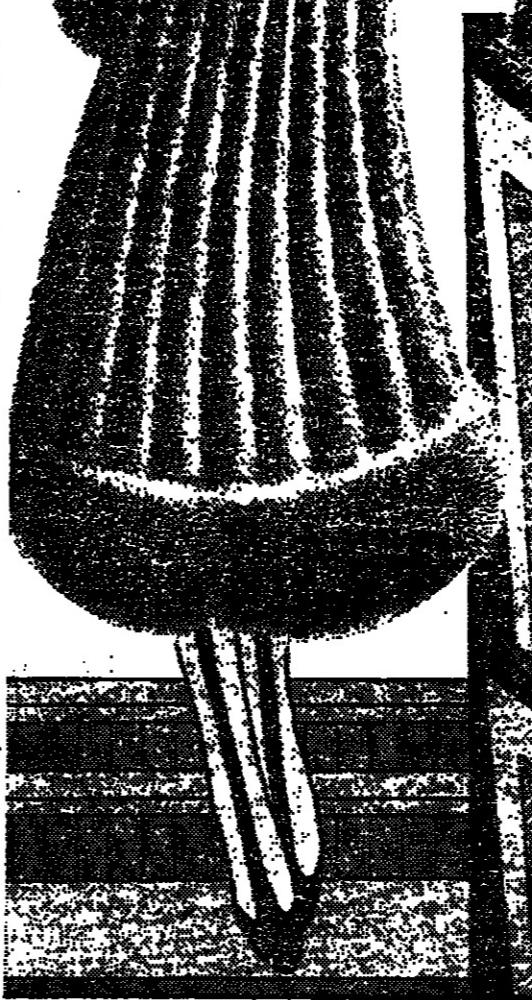
But the clothes are beautifully finished with hand-smocking and embroidery and it is worthwhile having one really well-fitting outfit for the permanent record of those first photographs. Stockists include branches of the Allids group, selected House of Fraser stores and specialist babywear shops.

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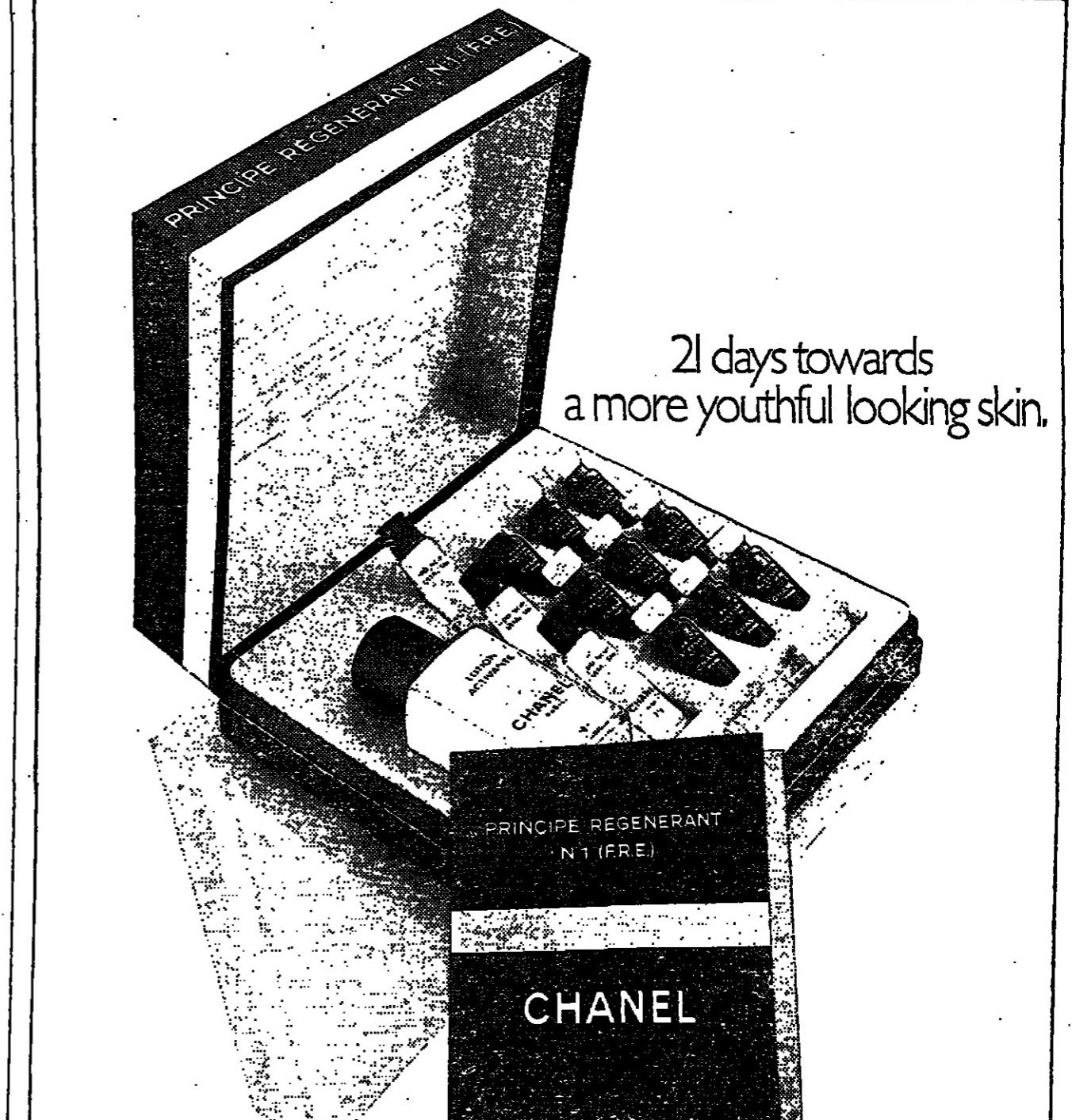


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A MISTIMED ELECTION.

NIR BOB HAWKE has won his unnecessary election in Australia but instead of adding to his plume he has lost some tail feathers in the process. He has only himself to thank for a setback which joins the long ranks of mistimed elections. It was a flagrantly opportunist election, because his majority was ample and he had run only 18 months of a three-year term. The ballot papers, already more complicated than ours, were put on a fresh basis and cost Labour most of the phenomenal 300,000 spoiled votes. On top of that, Mr Hawke erred in agreeing to face his opponent Mr Andrew Peacock for 90 minutes on nationwide TV.

One odd consequence indeed of this campaign has been to make Mr Peacock appear a more formidable Opposition leader than he was in Parliament. Throughout the campaign Mr Hawke had the news media and polls running strongly for him. On the election's eve every leading newspaper in Australia plumped editorially for him. Australia's electors then clipped his majority. Mistakes apart, this is as good as Australia or the rest of the world could wish for. The Liberal party is not yet mobilised to govern again. Mr Hawke has been warned that he is not as unassailable as he thought.

Australians are not looking for radical changes or shifts in their alliances. Labour's strong Left cannot demand a share of the spoils, because there are no fresh spoils to share. They may feel a degree less beholden to Mr Hawke because the results diminish him as national supremo. But on balance, Mr Hawke's grip on the Left is firmer than it would have been after a Labour landslide. Some of the Left's wider aims, such as decoupling Australia from America, joining New Zealand's walk-out of Anzus, banishing nuclear vessels from ports and American bases from the mainland, recede. Australia comes out of this election looking shrewder than its leaders.

WITHDRAWAL SYMPTOMS

FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS, the Government has been wrestling with the problem of weaning the British public away from its addiction to high-cost low-yield welfare. This has patently been no easy task. People have become conditioned to dependence. Even those who accept the principle of progressive State disengagement will bitterly resist any threat to their own bird in the hand, however scrawny. "If I pay taxes to send other men's sons to university, why should my own be excluded?" angry parents ask. Though the principle underlying Sir Keith's proposals is unexceptionable, he has visibly caught his fingers in the mincer by presenting proposals which appear to take from members of a highly articulate group without offering anything in return. The many Conservative MPs for whom a strong special interest group far outweighs the general good, predictably joined the grudge-bearing rag, tag and bobtail.

If she is to extricate herself while minimising damage, Mrs Thatcher must first recognise the error of strategy which led to Sir Keith's fighting his battle under conditions of tactical inferiority. Cuts in student grants would be palatable only as part of a package. Student loans are one essential ingredient among several. Mr Alan Howarth and his colleagues among the new intake of MPs deserve support in their effort to present student loans as a way out of the imbroglio as well as good in themselves. Tax relief to paying parents would be socially just and acceptable. Sir Keith's proposals are resented by some parents as a retroactive imposition. Can one justify enjoin greater self-reliance when the Government renders forward planning impossible by suddenly changing the rules? So surely a phased period of adjustment is needed.

A great merit of the loan scheme is that it inspires greater political enthusiasm than cuts per se, however economically meritorious they may be, thereby motivating support against the motley mob of clenched fists and outstretched palms. This is a banner under which to fight, and fight the Government must. Simply to concede on this issue would undermine the Government's whole reform programme already menaced by the temporizers' counter-revolution. It is a matter of finding the right strategy and tactics for a good cause.

MRS THATCHER'S OTHER ISLAND

IT IS TO BE HOPEFUL THAT, in the course of the EC summit which begins today in Dublin, Mrs Thatcher and Dr Fitzgerald will find the time and the inclination for a brief, conciliatory conversation about Anglo-Irish relations. It is even more fervently to be hoped that, in her anxiety to improve those relations after the latest summit, Mrs Thatcher will resist the temptation to blur the issues which she so lucidly exposed in her Press conference after the Chequers meeting. She apparently caused offence by pointing out that none of the options proposed by the New Ireland Forum was acceptable. In that she was perfectly right for every one of them would have involved pre-empting the choice of the people of Northern Ireland about their own future; and it is a firm and unnegotiable principle of the Government's policy that no change in the constitutional status of the Province will take place without the unfettered consent of its inhabitants. Any attempt to obfuscate this fact will end in tears, as we have recently seen.

By introducing and maintaining clarity over this matter, Mrs Thatcher can in the end do nothing but good to relations with Dublin. By so doing, she has already helped greatly to reduce Unionist anxieties in the North and has even prompted Mr Powell to suggest that the time has come to re-establish the ancient alliance between Ulster Unionists and Conservatives. Logically, of course, Mr Powell, as an "integrationist," should want all the major British political parties to put up candidates in Ulster. So no doubt he does; but Labour's present commitment to the ending of the Union as a goal of policy makes this difficult to achieve. In these circumstances, the right course for the Unionists is to restore their links with the Tories.

But there is a price to be paid for that consummation. Unionists must be ready to accept arrangements designed to guarantee the nationalist minority a proper place in any system of local government that may be set up. In their moment of triumph, a generous gesture would not be out of place.

COMMENTARY
T. E. Utley

WHAT rational hope can today sustain an averagely ambitious SDP politician in his late forties (a man, for example, such as Dr Owen or the exceptionally talented Robert Maclean)?

I speak of the SDP rather than the Alliance, because Liberal politicians have little ambition in the normal and honourable political sense. They have become used to being a party of eccentrics and protesters, commenting from the sidelines. By contrast, the SDP is an offshoot of the Labour party and, therefore, has a tradition of government and political responsibility. It is about power.

On the face of it, there is virtually no hope for the SDP. In order to make any impact on the electorate at the next General Election it must offer itself as an alternative Government. That means that it must offer itself in total union with the Liberals; but how can it risk association with this bunch of assorted oddities? Indeed, how can it reach agreement with them on any central issue like defence, on which the attitudes of the two parties are sharply divided—the Liberals steering towards unilateral disarmament and the SDP favouring (on the whole) an independent nuclear deterrent, though one less expensive than we are committed to?

SDP politicians are for the most part not fools. They have considered these questions and come up with reasonable answers. They assume, for a start, that Labour has virtually committed suicide and that there is, therefore, no danger of the SDP's splitting the Tory vote and putting Mr Kinnock into power. They are also not excessively worried about the Liberal association.

In 1986, the Alliance intends to produce a long-term programme; assuming that hurdle can be crossed successfully, no further statements of policy will be issued independently by the SDP and the Liberals until the election. Then a common manifesto will be produced. However, they believe that this should not be too difficult, since the Liberal input will, according to the party's constitution, be settled entirely by David Steel, who is not a loony. Whatever may happen in such constituencies as are fought by Liberals, the Alliance manifesto will not be concerned with such peripheral matters as the promotion of homosexuality.

As for defence, the SDP hopes that the whole terms of the argument will soon be changed—partly by general and serious moves towards unilateral disarmament and partly by the discovery that Mr Heseltine has assumed commitments for which the country has no hope of paying. All this, plus increasing middle-class disillusionment with Thatcherite remedies, might enable the Alliance to win enough seats to be the balancing force in a hung parliament.

Well, it does not wholly convince me; but it does suggest to me that the Alliance, by virtue of its SDP ingredient, is a formidable challenge to the Tory party. That challenge cannot be effectively met by Tories building up Labour as the serious Opposition; the electorate sees through that sort of thing.

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THIS modern habit of exhuming Victorian politicians and forcing them to take sides in current debates about issues of which they knew nothing, and on which their thinking casts no light at all, is reaching truly obscene proportions. Poor Disraeli has been thus desecrated for a long time. A patriot, a nationalist, in the most favourable meaning of the term, a racist, he has been called in aid by almost every wet, drivelling, liberal, cosmopolitan, bloodless politician in the Tory party.

Now, it is Peel's turn, because of the anniversary of the Tamworth Manifesto (well, not quite the anniversary, which will be Dec. 18, but it is too much to expect politicians to get that right). Sir Robert is being summoned to the aid equally of Thatcherites and anti-Thatcherites. On Friday Mr Heath invoked his blessing on a general statement of all Mr Heath's opinions, while Mr Brittan finds him the prototype of Mrs Thatcher, and, no doubt, of Mr Brittan, since the distinction is one which he has always been anxious to obliterate.

It is 40 years since I could call myself an historian, but what I remember about Peel is that he first defended the Irish Protestants and then betrayed them, that he first attacked the Great Reform Bill and then grovelled to it, and that he first supported the Corn Laws and then abolished them. Perhaps he deserves the patronage both of Mr Heath and of Mr Brittan, but, in praising Peel, Mr Brittan has no need to disparage Burke; even from the Home Secretary that is a piece of cheek which I will not tolerate.

What I seriously wonder, however, is what use politicians think that this kind of body-snatching serves. Mr Heath, for instance, seems to think that Sir Robert believed in the Welfare State; if so, that great statesman was a man of even greater prescience than one had supposed!

How Gen. Scargill's dragoons keep workers in their place

In the course of the miners' dispute, Arthur Scargill has been depicted by the media as the very model of a modern socialist revolutionary. He is a self-proclaimed Marxist (which isn't necessarily the same as being a Marxist) and he is to be seen nightly on television directing pickets in an attempt to halt coal lorries or deter miners from returning to work.

It is perhaps understandable that the face of it, there is virtually no hope for the SDP. In order to make any impact on the electorate at the next General Election it must offer itself as an alternative Government. That means that it must offer itself in total union with the Liberals; but how can it risk association with this bunch of assorted oddities? Indeed, how can it reach agreement with them on any central issue like defence, on which the attitudes of the two parties are sharply divided—the Liberals steering towards unilateral disarmament and the SDP favouring (on the whole) an independent nuclear deterrent, though one less expensive than we are committed to?

The question which a Marxist—such as myself—would ask is: does the violence act as the midwife of progressive social change or binder it? What is the answer in Mr Scargill's case?

Post-war experience has made it increasingly clear that industrial changes, designed to increase productivity and the total national wealth, can only be introduced and operated successfully with the consent of the working class. That class has the power to disrupt production and so render investment largely worthless.

Two broad responses are possible in this situation. The working class can consent to industrial change in return for a share in the decisions on investment, workplace organisation, factory siting (and closures) and so on that determine such change. This is the revolutionary road of industrial democracy outlined in the Bullock Report and supported by such undoubted socialists as Jack Jones and David Lea. The second response is to resist any industrial change at all—or what often amounts to the same thing—to accept it only on economic terms. Solidarity through force flying pickets were then dispatched in an attempt to compel a national stoppage.

The Liberal line that Scargill was deliberately provoked last March is nonsense. He had spent the previous year refining his will.

The social basis of that will is the working-class conservatism which the anti-Bullock alliance of the mid-'70s promoted. For Scargill's will would not have been functional in a situation where the power to disrupt production had been tempered by a major share in the responsibility for managing production.

In such a situation, "solidarity through force" could not have been dressed up as anything other than a reactionary attack on the working class. For, at the end of the day, Scargill's strike is aimed not at the NCB, nor even the Government, but at the working class. It is a determined effort to consolidate conservatism's grip on the day-to-day organisation of working-class affairs in the trade unions and Labour party.

Mr Keenan is a member of the British and Irish Communist Organisation and the author of "Scargill's Strike" (B & I.C.O.).

History lessons for the Speaker

SO CONCERNED is the Speaker, Bernard Weatherill, that disorder could break out again on the floor of the House this week during the second reading of the bill to abolish the Metropolitan Councils and the GLC, that he has asked the Commons clerks to discover how past Speakers handled recalcitrant MPs.

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ERIC FENBY, amanuensis to the blind and paralysed Hogarth cartoon. It seems that Hogarth's unfaltering caricature may have been motivated by revenge following a disparaging reference to Wilkes's paper the North Barron.

A performance of Delius's "Mass of Life" at the Festival Hall will mark the award to Fenby of honorary membership of the Society, which was last given to Sir William Glock in 1971.

It is hoped that Fenby, 78, will be present although he is not in good health. He thus joins a celebrated list of musical honourable holders of the Society's 175 years that includes Sibelius, Wagner, Liszt, Berlioz and Mendelssohn, to name but a few.

The present Speaker may, however, reflect that the problems he faces are minor compared with those dealt with by his predecessors.

During the Committee stage of the 1895 Home Rule Bill punches were freely traded between MPs. When order was finally restored, according to one account, the floor of the Chamber was found to be strewn with "scarf-pins and artificial teeth."

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Foreign Office Ministers would be well advised to brace themselves for his thoughts on Britain's declining influence overseas.

Douglas Fairbanks Junior, here over the weekend for the London Film Festival showing of his father's silent film classic "The Thief of Bagdad" is seeing his father's work honoured on both sides of the Atlantic. The United States has just issued a set of stamps showing Fairbanks Senior in the very same role.

Macmillan's words

THE EARL OF STOCKTON is expected to add his voice to the campaign to persuade the Government to rethink its ill-considered cuts to the BBC external services and the British Council when he speaks at the Council's 50th birthday celebrations on Wednesday.

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is that long before becoming union president, Scargill was determined to use pit closures as an issue on which to promote "solidarity through force"—that is, get a national strike without recourse to a national ballot.

Having decided years ago to implement the strategy, Scargill simply waited his opportunity. The "rolling strike" of 1981, which ended when the government collapsed on all fronts, was an opportunity of which he was cheated. In March, 1983, he tried to use militant opposition against pit closures in south Wales to call a national strike without a national ballot. His executive at that time stood up to and defeated him.

Then, in March this year the will found a way. Though the

defeat of Bullock established "conservatism" as the dominant force within the working-class movement. Three years later, in the "winter of discontent," the most obnoxious accommodating pro-trade-union Government in our history was brought down by a conservatism which could think of nothing better to do with its power to disrupt than to run riot.

That experience convinced the bulk of the working class to stand a half. A majority of workers voted for Margaret Thatcher in 1979 on the clear understanding that she was to act as their agent to set their house in order. Despite rapidly increasing unemployment, she was elected and re-elected to enact a democratic reform of trade unions which would curb their leaders' unrepresentative conservatism.

Just as much as Arthur Scargill's, Margaret Thatcher's formidable will has its social basis in the working class. If Mrs Thatcher wins, it will not be because she represents the Tory backwoods of suburbia, but because, due to the collapse of sense in the Labour party, she has been put in the position of representing the will of the large section of the working class which is responsible, practical and pragmatic—and committed to evolutionary social development.

Practical politics in Britain today is an activity which occurs within a working-class framework. All that is progressive, all that is conservative, all that is democratic and all that is totalitarian within British politics has its roots in the ways in which workers perceive their interest.

SCARGILL has taken it on himself to represent everything that is reactionary within British politics, which is to say, within the British working-class and totalitarian reflexes of the British working-class are summed up in, and represented by, Arthur Scargill. His total, clear-cut, unambiguous defeat will mark the overcoming of all that within the class which retards development. There should be no doubt about this. Only the working class, overcoming its conservatism as the fundamental condition for taking advantage of the 1984 Trade Union Act to rid itself of the conservatives, can win the dispute.

Scargill's defeat will in no way mark a defeat for the working class. It will be the defeat of the conservatism which has dogged the working class for the past 10 years. It will then be possible to put industrial democracy squarely back on the political agenda.

Mr Keenan is a member of the British and Irish Communist Organisation and the author of "Scargill's Strike" (B & I.C.O.).

R. KEITH JOSEPH'S PROPOSALS WILL ASK parents to contribute to the proposed abolition of the Greater London Council and the metropolitan county councils, put great store on the fact that services are to be returned to local democratic control.

This I can understand and appreciate and it is in itself an admirable concept. But from the point of view of the arts in London, I wonder if Mr Baker has caught hold of the fact that his Cabinet colleague, the Earl of Gowrie, intends to hand over a major part of the GLC's arts provision to Londoners, the South Bank Arts complex to the Arts Council, itself a non-elected and undemocratic quango.

VIN HARROP, Bletchley, Essex.

LETTERS

Organisations which need the GLC

SIR—I take it that the headline of the article by Mr Kenneth Baker, Minister for Local Government, "The Cost of Livingstone" (Nov. 29) was a piece of journalistic licence.

The Secretary of State for the Environment has repeatedly assured us that the argument for the abolition of the Greater London Council and the metropolitan county councils is not about Kenneth Livingstone at all.

If we are indeed talking about the expenditure of a particular administration, then the electorate would have given its verdict at the next GLC election, had they been allowed.

There is much in the article which calls for comment. I confine myself to two of its arguments.

The Minister says that the GLC is buying support from a wide constituency of left-wing political activists. On Nov. 28 more than 200 organisations wrote an open letter to the Prime Minister indicating that their work would be jeopardised by the proposals for abolition.

The organisations included such militant Letter to Age Concern, MCA, Save the Children, the Movement Association of Youth Clubs and the Board of Social Responsibility of the Diocese of London. That is a selected group, but far more typical than the three named by the Minister.

Secondly, the article claims again and again that GLC and the Met invent roles for themselves. Presumably the support of the voluntary sector is among the invented roles.

If it is, we are thankful. The Government seems to see the voluntary sector as static, indeed diminishing. In London, multi-racial, multi-cultural and with a growing gulf between rich and poor, voluntary organisations caring for many needs and interests are a growth area.

One of the virtues of the present GLC is that it has moved its focus in our awareness of the needs and their needs. The minorities have little voting power. If the GLC is buying votes, it is not buying many.

I think Mr Baker will have no better reason for abolition unless he is prepared to argue that minorities are more important than people and that the weakest, the poorest and the most vulnerable must pay for the economy.

(Rev.) PETER W. SUTCLIFFE, Chairman, London Voluntary Service Council.

An arts quango

SIR—Mr Kenneth Baker, M.P., in his articulate statement (article, Nov. 29) on the proposed abolition of the Greater London Council and the metropolitan county councils puts great store on the fact that services are to be returned to

Constable scene threatened by coach park plan

By JENNY SHIELDS

THE hordes of tourists who visit Salisbury's gothic cathedral and contribute handsomely towards the upkeep of the magnificent building have unwittingly caused a rift between its Dean and Bishop.

In an attempt to relieve the congestion caused in the walled Cathedral Close by tourist coaches, the Dean, the Rev. Sydney Evans, has submitted a plan to Salisbury council which suggests turning the water meadows nearby into a coach park.

The landscape was immortalised in Constable's study "Salisbury Cathedral from the Meadows".

The plan, which has the support of the Cathedral Chapter, has brought a swift and angry response from several quarters.

The Bishop of Salisbury, Dr John Baker, first heard of the proposal on Thursday after his wife noticed the planning application in a local newspaper.

Dr Baker, speaking from his residence, which would overlook the planned coach park, said yesterday: "I feel this proposal is most unwise. It could create enormous problems for the residents of the Close, which is the finest example of its kind in the country and has remained unchanged for over 800 years."

Attention grabber

The bishop, who is a close friend of the dean, said he felt that there had been "no discretion" over the plan and that it was merely a way of attracting attention to the problem.

"The dean and chapter are desperate to solve the problem but I think it very unlikely that planning permission would be granted in this case," said the bishop.

Mr Robert Key, the city's Conservative MP, who lived in the Close for 15 years and attended the Cathedral School, said yesterday: "I am well aware of the terrible traffic problems which have got worse and worse over the last 10 years."

"Modern coaches are totally incompatible with a medieval town and we need to look for a radical long-term solution to this problem which would still bring people to the cathedral and the town without spoiling this great part of our national heritage."

Mr Key said the dean was very upset that the problem had been portrayed "as some sort of Bartholomew Towers chronicle", and he added that he was prepared to raise the matter in the Commons if it would help a solution.

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20 SACKED IN LENIN TOWN

Twenty local officials have been sacked in Ulyanovsk, Lenin's birthplace, and nine of them thrown out of the Communist party for abusing their powers, Pravda said yesterday.

The party daily said it had received many letters from people in Ulyanovsk, 373 miles southeast of Moscow, complaining about disrespectful local officials. —Reuters

£1,072,311 WILL

Mr Victor Silverman, of Redditch, Worcestershire, died on June 29, left estate valued at £1,072,311 net. (£1,082,511).

He left his interest in his ownership of Lloyd's equally between his three daughters and the residue to his wife, Muriel.

Viscountess Chelsea

Viscountess Chelsea, who died on Aug. 31, aged 46, left £103,214 net (£105,120 gross). She was a fashion journalist and a prominent supporter of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Latest Wills - P12

Lunch at a quiet little French place

A BOOM in expense account lunches is taking off — from Southend airport, where businessmen often prefer to fly across the Channel in search of cheaper better food.

Many companies have their own plane to save travel time for busy executives," said M. Gerard Barron, press attaché for Galais: Chamber of Commerce and the Harbour Board.

"It makes sense for them to use it to fly over to Calais, where they can discuss their business in intimate surroundings over good food for which they pay much less than they would at home."

Menu gastronomique

"They come over in the morning and go back in the evening," he said in Calais. "Le Clement, at 'Ardres, 20 kilometres from the airport, has four or five planes a week with up to four businessmen on a flight. Sometimes they bring clients."

"Sometimes they are meeting people from one of the companies in France in which there is a British interest."

The menu gastronomique, reckoned the best-in-the-area costs 250f (about £25) for seven courses, half the price of a similar menu in London."

The menu gastronomique at another business man's favourite, Le Channel in Calais, is 185f (about £18) with choices of salmon, langoustine, escargots, duck, turbot and beef, with a bottle of wine per person.

Until then the girls, with their sisters Leonie, 25, and Simone, 20, were to inherit

'Illegitimate' daughter to claim inheritance

THE 24-year-old allegedly illegitimate daughter of a barrister is expected to go to court to claim her inheritance from the £500,000 estate of the man she thought was her grandfather.

Mr William Bruce Spalding, 54, a barrister, declared last year that he was not the father of two of his wife's four daughters, Catriona, 24, and Gervaise, 22.

Lawyers believe the girls could now be deprived of up to £50,000 left to each of them by Mr Spalding's father, Capt. Tom Spalding, who married into a wealthy publishing family.

But yesterday Mr Nicholas Murray, solicitor for Catriona, said: "My client is likely to make a claim under the estate."

Public declaration

Catriona was spending yesterday with her fiancé, an airline pilot. He said: "We have no comment to make."

Mr William Bruce, as Mr Spalding is known to the family, a part-time lawyer of Chiswick, with a practice in New Court, Middle Temple, made a statutory declaration last December that the two girls were illegitimate.

Their birth certificates were then altered to omit the name of the father and his occupation.

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PRISON POST FOR WOMAN

MISS Josephine Fowler, 57, is to become deputy governor of Winson Green prison, Birmingham, considered one of the country's largest and most overcrowded all-male jails.

The appointment takes effect today. It is believed to be the first time a woman has been given such a senior job in a prison of this size.

Women governors and deputy governors have previously been appointed only at smaller male custodial centres.

Miss Fowler, who will earn between £16,997 and £20,287, has been at the prison for a week now and starts an induction course. She joined the prison service at 22 after studying to be a teacher.

Her last appointment was as governor of Whatton detention centre, Nottinghamshire.

"I asked to come to Winson Green, because I wanted to broaden my experience," she said. "It will be quite a challenge."

The police had taken no action against the association last week because the motorist whose car was clamped made no complaint.

But each case would be dealt with on its merits. "Personally I would not advocate any individual using clamps on a car. We don't use them at all up here."

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Residents use own wheel clamp on parking pests

By DAVID MILLWARD

ANNOYED by persistent illegal parking on their private estate, a residents' association in Nottingham have taken a leaf out of the Metropolitan police's book and introduced the wheel clamp.

According to Mr John Hallam, a solicitor and chairman of Park Resident's Association, pirate parking on the estate's seven miles of road has become so bad that drastic action was called for.

The spiked clamp made its debut last week, much to the interest of police and to the distress of one motorist who had to pay £25 to the association to have his car freed.

Had he attempted to drive off his tyres would have been ripped to shreds.

Although half the houses on the estate have garages, the roads became clogged with cars belonging to commuters who refuse to pay to use nearby city centre car parks.

Mr Hallam said the association has only one clamp, but is considering buying more. Residents take turns to be vigilante traffic wardens.

He was confident of the legality of the clamps, even though the land is owned by Oxford University not the residents themselves.

Police wary

"It has yet to be tested in the courts," he added. "In Britain we are prepared to take any measures to eliminate this trespassing on our private road."

If Oxford University wants the money from the fines it can have it."

A spokesman for Nottinghamshire said motorists who caused an obstruction on the estate could face prosecution just as they would on the public highway.

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JUNGLE BOY ADOPTED BY SURGEON

A BOY from the Amazon jungle whose face was destroyed by disease when he was a baby, has been adopted by the Scottish surgeon who saved him.

Marijorie, wife of the consultant anaesthetist, Mr Ian Jackson, yesterday received the adoption papers sent from Peru for David Lopez, 10.

The story of "Boy David" was shown on BBC television. As a child his face was completely eaten away by a disease called noma.

Mr Jackson, a plastic surgeon at Connie-Dunn Hospital, Glasgow, met David on a trip to Lima.

He brought him to Scotland for a series of operations to restore his features. The Jacksons took David into their family with their own four children while he underwent more than 50 operations. Donations of £60,000 flooded in to pay for treatment.

More operations needed

The couple wanted to adopt David to protect his future. In Britain he was an illegal immigrant and in America, where the family moved, he was an illegal alien. The situation was complicated by changes in adoption law in Peru.

But last month a Peruvian judge agreed to sign the adoption papers which reached Mrs Jackson yesterday.

She said: "The important thing now is that David will have the same status as our own children. He is just a normal 10-year-old boy. He tries hard in class and is a smashing athlete." He will need more operations later.

Mrs Jackson has written a book about David in an attempt to help people to understand and cope with facial deformities, and as a way of thanking everyone who took an interest in him. It will be published in the Spring.

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Reaping a bitter harvest

INTERNATIONAL Harvester Co. may have been the first of the big farm equipment manufacturers to give up on its money-losing machinery division, but if its executives are right about the state of the farm industry it will not be the last.

For \$430 million International Harvester, which bright farm equipment has dotted agricultural landscapes from New Zealand to Wales, agreed to sell its farm machinery operations and all its overseas subsidiaries to Tenneco Inc.

In the process International Harvester, which once employed nearly 100,000 people worldwide, will be reduced to a domestic truck company with no overseas divisions and few foreign sales.

As recently as last August the company's executives told reporters that they had no intention of selling the farm equipment division, which had been losing roughly \$50 million in recent years.

What changed their minds? The realisation that the farm equipment market, which is suffering from excess capacity and sluggish farm prices, will never pick up enough to bring the industry back to profitability.

"We've had to recognise that the outlook for the farm economy, especially in the United States over the course of the next few years is not good," explains International Harvester's chief financial officer Jim Cotting.

"The outlook for the farm equipment business is for a very modest and slow recovery. We saw that it would take us several years to achieve a level of financial performance in the

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business that we felt necessary—and a significant investment and a fair amount of risk to boot."

There was also worry about Washington, Mr Cotting notes. A big move is about at the White House to do to the farm industry what has been done to the airlines, trucks and banking industries, namely, reduce the government's role in the business arena.

"The administration has said that one of its top priorities during the next year is to re-think farm policy and the way the government supports the farm economy," Mr Cotting says. "For the past 40 years we have had policies involving farm subsidies which a large body of people now believe aren't the right kind of policies needed to return the farm economy to health."

Mr Cotting thinks that the United States government's considerable involvement in the farm economy will be drastically cut in coming years. Harvester's executives decided not to stick around and face the industry fallout that usually follows a government policy shift.

The airlines and trucking industries have faced adjustments in the wake of "deregulation." It resulted in mergers, consolidations and some bank ruptcies.

"In the trucking industry you had a situation where the change in government policy, deregulation, which was the right thing to do in the long term for the industry, caused several years of difficulty. We see that potential in the farm economy, as well."

Even if the Reagan team does not alter farm price supports, subsidies or regulation of the agriculture industry, farm gear makers, currently operating at 40 per cent of capacity, could still face a shakeout, the Harvester officer explains.

"There is certainly overcapacity in the farm machinery industry. There is a need for dramatic change. It must take place. You can see that just by looking at the companies and the condition that they're in."

Although Mr Cotting refuses to speculate which companies would be affected if an overall in the industry does occur, Massey-Ferguson and Allis-Chalmers top most analysts' list of consolidations targets. John Deere, the industry leader, is the only company believed to be healthy enough to survive a shakeout.

Industry experts reckon this is where the future lies. Research company Dataquest

both the One and the Pro-

Telecom shares may open with 40p premium

By ROLAND GRIBBEN

ESTIMATES of today's opening premium on British Telecom shares were being revised upwards to 40p yesterday, an 80 p.c. profit on the partly-paid 50p shares, after the formal release of details about the record-breaking issue.

There are complaints from New York, Tokyo, Geneva and Toronto about the way foreign investors have been squeezed and limited to 15·7 p.c. of the issue, and they are expected to be active in early trading.

The first indication about the size of the premium will come when Harvard Securities, the over-the-counter trader, starts dealing in Telecom shares at 9 a.m. six hours in advance of trading opening in London and New York.

Analysts see institutions weighing in to get a balanced portfolio and feel that the market will remain buoyant until after the public gets its allotment letters. But with the "new generation" of shareholders holding only small blocks of shares market men feel there will be little temptation for them to start selling for a profit.

"It could be some time before we get a settled market. The main problem isn't to sell at a price but find a level where there are going to be two who can do business," says a jobber.

"The United States institutions could turn out to be buyers rather than sellers since the shares are cheap and the currency is in their favour."

Kleinwort Benson, the bankers heading the issue, feel that the publicity focused on the efforts to deter "stags" making multiple applications has done the trick.

The Telecom staging was well below normal City levels but investigations are still under way into some "suspicious" applications from brokers who have been warned they could lose their commissions if they break the rules.

Currys in legal move to block Dixons bid

By JOHN RUDOFSKY

DIXON Group's £250 million takeover bid for Currys Group, which on Friday looked to be home and dry, took an astonishing turn over the weekend as Currys successfully mounted a legal action to block the deal.

Hastily arranged meetings were taking place last night with the City Take-over Panel ahead of a hearing this morning in a High Court judge's chambers. The Stock Exchange will be asked this morning to halt trading in Currys shares before the market opens.

On Friday Scottish Amicable, with 0·7 p.c. of Currys, sent its brokers round to Dixons' visors Morgan Grenfell to withdraw their acceptance. The broker's authority was apparently questioned, withdrawn and shortly afterwards refused and shortly afterwards Dixons claimed victory with 50·6 p.c. of the shares in its favour. Later in the day it said it had 51·4 p.c.

Currys believes that Scottish Amicable should have been able to withdraw and claims other institutions were thinking of doing the same until they heard Dixons had won.

Currys' very late in the day

Johnson forecasts upturn

JOHNSON Group Cleaners, fighting off a £50 million take-over bid from Marks & Spencer's supplier Nottingham Manufacturing, yesterday predicted that it will make £6·1 million pre-tax profits for the 52 weeks to December 29.

This is down on the £6·3 million the group made in the 35-week period to the end of last December. But, more importantly, it predicts it will make £7·7 million in the first half of 1985 compared with the rather poor £5·7 million it made by the interim stage this year.

The first half was down because of the exceptionally bad weather and the start of the miners' strike. Full year figures further reflect these factors.

Next year's interim forecast assumes no change in the miners' situation but does assume the weather will be normal. It also takes into account the first positive contribution from Johnson's string of United States contributions.

Given the forecast, the group plans a 15·4p second interim

for 1984 payable next April if Nottingham bid fails. The total 1984 dividend would then have been raised 50 p.c.

The first professional property revaluation in years has put a value of £12 million. Re-

valuations non-trading properties, which the group has been

selling to pay for its American

deals account for £10 million

of the total.

Hambros Bank, advising Notting-

ham Manufacturing, imme-

diately hit back. These

disappointing figures leave our

410p-a-share offer looking gen-

erous. Everyone is expecting us

to reject our offer, but what

justification do we have?

Hambros' Christopher Balfour-

Johnson's market price, which

closed on Friday at 43p, has

remained consistently above the

offer.

Hambros said it was not run-

ning out making a higher bid

but argued that its offer on

these figures was very generous

in terms of Johnson's earnings

and its assets after the tax

liabilities of the higher prop-

erty values.

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CITY CATS SEE THE CREAM

By Christopher Fettes

guessed, they would—
Gibson Jarvie of United Domestic
Trust.

In 1980 UDT took over the
Clearing House. If it sat rather
oddly with UDT's hire-purchase
business, its car hire that did
not matter until the mid-1970s
when UDT ran into storms and
had to be rescued by the Bank
of England's Monopolies.

The Clearing House was strong,
its business was booming—but as
the guarantor of every contract
in many major markets, it found
itself owned by a company whose
own credit could not stand on its
own feet.

Big four

The Trustee Savings Bank
finally bought UDT out of the
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bought the Clearing House from
the TSB. The Big Four Banks
have 20 p.c. each. Williams &
Glyn's and Standard Chartered 10
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Their backing for the Clearing
House was an unwritten condition
of the Bank of England in allowing
UDT to be set up. But they
bought it when it was making
record profits, more than £12
million, and they paid proportionately.

Their patience should earn its
keep. In London, the new
securities markets will be over-
crowded places with more market-
makers, willing or forced to take
bolder views—and needing the
safety net which a futures market
can give. Deregulation, spreading
across the world's markets, may
bring more business to the
Clearing House's network of
branches and clearing systems
spread across five continents,
ready for the 24-hour trading
which will now be the style of
futures markets.

As the regulations lift the
strength of the Clearing House's
guarantee, and the depth of its
backers' pockets, will matter more
than ever. As boundaries blur and
markets overlap the Clearing
House can offer generalised
services—offsetting credits and
debts between markets, cutting
out the duplication of payments
and documents, and computer
systems, and the use of collateral.
The shareholders know, too, that
it all means new business across
their own counters.

There should, then, be cream
for all, in the end. But try telling
that to the cats now.

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A considerable number of multiple applications have been rejected.

Letters of Acceptance and, where relevant, return cheques will be posted on Monday 10th December, 1984, or as soon as possible thereafter.

Deals prior to receipt of Letters of Acceptance will be at the seller's risk.



NORTH SEA OIL

Treasury near peak income

GOVERNMENT income from North Sea oil is nearing its peak and will fall by over 30 per cent in the next decade, according to a new study released today.

The Treasury's take is forecast to reach £12.5 billion in 1985-86, then drop steadily to £10.5 billion by the end of the decade and down to £8.4 billion by 1993-94.

The forecast is made in the latest North Sea report produced by Edinburgh-based stockbrokers Wood, Mackenzie. The report says that if new North Sea developments are not set under way during the rest of the decade the total tax contribution could halve over a ten-year period.

The rundown in revenue is

due to the drop in production from the first generation of North Sea fields.

The report points out that the government's revenue introduced by the Government to encourage further North Sea developments will also contribute to the smaller take.

As a proportion of total state revenues there will be 50 p.c. at present but should fall to less than 40 p.c. within ten years, say the stockbrokers.

The assessment is based on the current North Sea price of \$28.62 a barrel lasting through next year and then rising at 6 p.c. a year.

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Spurs run rule over Gullit

By MICHAEL CALVIN

RUUD GULLIT, one of the most dynamic young talents in Dutch football, is in line to become the latest European import into the First Division.

Peter Shreeves, the Tottenham manager, has watched Gullit recently and believes Feyenoord's coloured midfield player has the potential to thrive in the competitive environment of the English game.

Gullit, 22, has been capped 15 times by Holland, whose manager, Rinus Michels, sees him as an important stabilising influence in midfield.

Mr Michels, who was at Watford on Saturday to determine the career of his compatriot, Forest's Johnny Meijer, said:

"Ruud is the forceful type of player who would do well here."

Feyenoord struggle

Feyenoord, who have lost their manager, Thys Lubbers, to Aarsom, are struggling to sustain the impact of their team when, under the inspirational leadership of Johanna Cruyff, they won the Dutch League and Cup double.

They will accept not less than £200,000 for Gullit, who is excited by the prospects of playing in England and is committed to leaving the Rotterdam club when his contract expires at the end of the season.

Bobby Robson, the England manager who was instrumental in introducing Arnold Muhren and Frans Thijssen to the English game, is a confirmed admirer. He almost signed him for Ipswich when Gullit first made his name at Harleyston.

Don Howe, the Arsenal manager who is Mr Robson's international assistant, meanwhile maintained domestic transfer activities yesterday by opening negotiations for Steve Williams, Southampton's transfer-listed captain.

Rix operation

The loss of Graham Rix, who has an Achilles tendon operation tomorrow, increases the urgency of Mr Howe's search for new midfield talent.

Portsmouth have responded to his move in Neil Webb, their midfield prospect, by putting a prohibitive £500,000 price tag on him.

Manchester United remain keen on the possibility of signing Terry Butcher, should the England defender become available as a result of Ipswich's financial problems.

Ron Atkinson, the United manager, stressed last night: "I asked about Butcher in the summer and Ipswich know that I am still interested."

Div. I and II Review

HEATH BLOW FOR EVERTON

Everton, the First Division leaders, dropped two more points in an abrasive visit by Sheffield Wednesday, whose Marwood was booked after a 17th-minute tackle had caused Heath to be carried off with damaged knee ligaments, writes Roger Malone.

Marwood was carried off 27 minutes later with shin bruises and cuts, after his recruit came up with a double booking.

Wednesday took the lead through Blair, before Heath left the field while Sharpe equalised with a penalty during the period between the two injured men's departures.

Three-goal Heath could be out for the rest of the season after having an operation yesterday.

Further proof of Chris Waddle's blossoming talent came with a 20-yard goal which clinched the points for Newcastle at the expense of Stoke.

That shot, six minutes from time, cost Stoke, who feel hard done by because McDonald equaliser had erased a lead given to Newcastle by Anderson's hotly disputed penalty.

Welsh hope

Birmingham's two goals from recently acquired winger Morley, against Cardiff, ended their lean spell and the Midland team into fifth place.

Brighton's winner at Wolves which ended a run of eight games without a win, came from Eric Young, a new candidate for selection as Wales's centre half.

Leds completed a bizarre double because, beaten 3-2 at Oxford last week, they handed Wimbledon identical punishment.

Oxford say they want Trevor Francis, the England forward who plays in the Italian League with a view to returning to a First Division campaign next season.

Having dropped seven points from four matches and surrendering first place—albeit with a game in hand—Oxford still have a considerable amount to do this season.

NOTTINGHAM BENEFIT

Bobby Robson, the England manager, and his panel unanimously nominated Nottingham County's 2-0 win over Oxford on Saturday, as the flat performance of the week. A Nottingham benefit will now receive £500 in cash and kit.

Graham Taylor, of Watford, was named as Bell's Scotch Whisky Manager of the Month on Saturday.

GATES RISE

Canterbury Football League attendance at the weekend totalled 41,525, a rise of 7,185 compared with the corresponding time last season. Details, including four fixtures on Friday and one yesterday, were:

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SOUTHERN LEAGUE—Southern Div.
OTHER MATCHES.—Four v. A.S.C. (Chesham).
Preston 3-1, Bury 2-1, Exeter 1-0.
SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOORING L.C.—Preston 3-1, Bury 2-1, Exeter 1-0.
SOUTHERN COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.—Berkshire 1-0, Gloucester 1-0 (independent).

CHELSEA LOOK SET FOR LONGER STAY

By DONALD SAUNDERS

Chelsea 3 Liverpool 1

CHELSEA, having been tested by most of the serious candidates for the League championship over the past three months, are satisfied they have fully re-established themselves as worthy members of the First Division.

As they survived only two years when last climbing among the top people, in 1977, the Londoners have good cause to hesitate before concluding that, this time, they can look forward to a long and successful visit.

Now they believe they have every reason to dismiss fears of an early return to the Second Division, where they spent seven of the previous nine years.

As Ian McNeill, their assistant manager, so rightly pointed out after Chelsea's notable victory on Saturday, Liverpool are still the club against whom others can best gauge their progress. "Until you have met them, you are inclined to be a bit apprehensive," he explained.

Inventive Dalglish

"I felt that over the 90 minutes today, we were better than them—and when that happens you are entitled to think you're winning."

The most significant aspect of young Chelsea's highly entertaining performance was their refusal to be pinned down in midfield, where Liverpool like to stifle their opponents' initiative and put their own matching moves.

Only for the closing 20 minutes of the first half, when Dalglish, in his inventive best and Malby was briefly reminding us of Souness, did the champions look like assuming the control that in previous seasons had always been unchallengeable theirs.

The men mainly responsible for Chelsea's nibbling mastery were Dixon and Speeide, who have formed one of the most

exciting and accomplished striking partnerships in the First Division since Nevin and Canaville.

Dixon gave Chelsea the confidence needed on this important occasion by dispossessing Hansen in midfield, striding Brumy into the box and then placing the ball inside the area just for the first goal, after only 10 minutes.

That early success helped

Chelsea remain calm when Gobbaar thumped in a spectacular equalizer 18 minutes later. Then Speeide took charge.

Nagging persistence

Facing a three-match suspension starting next Saturday, the little Scot was determined to make sure he would not be forgotten when Gordon Davies, recently signed from Fulham for £100,000, takes over his No. 1 shirt.

True Speedie played no major role in Chelsea's second goal, headed home by McLaughlin. Nevertheless, Speeide's nagging persistence raised so many problems for the usually unfailingly reliable Lawrence that he was eventually booked for one foul, which too much of the confidence of the Liverpool defence was undermined.

So, shortly after Busteed had replaced the injured Dixon in the 68th minute, Kennedy moved up to score his 10th goal of the season, and the Scot crept away to drive home the goal that put the issue beyond doubt.

Chelsea.—Neville, Wood, Speeide, Dalglish, Dixon (Brammer), Verrier, Speeide, Cawhill, Lawler, Stevenson, Neal, Keegan, Lawless, Moxey, Rust, Johnson, Clark.

Watford celebrate

Watford ... 2 Nottingham Forest ... 0

WATFORD, equal to the tactical challenge provided by Brian Clough's fertile imagination, are primed to provide proof of their capacity to confound their critics by qualifying for Europe, writes Michael Calvin.

Those who forecast that Watford would spend the winter scuffling for survival were surely silenced by a mature performance rewarded by their fifth successive victory.

Goals by George Reilly and Norwell Sterling enabled them to join Everton as the First Division's leading scorers and, more intriguingly, decide a managerial battle that is characteristic of Mr Taylor's work.

The Watford manager, aware that Sterling, provided by John Marwood, who has not failed to pick up a win bonus since arriving from Glasgow Rangers, cannot be underestimated. But Sterling, a diminutive winger, has also made a valuable contribution to Watford's revival.

Sterling's development into a nimble, hard-working winger, has subsequently accelerated. He gave

Watford a testing introduction to the Football League and booked in his fourth goal in seven games.

By the time, Watford had already profited from their renewed ability to exploit dead ball situations. Only three minutes were on the clock when Reilly glanced in another well-struck free kick from the target after a cross from Nwajohi.

Then mutual admiration

between Taylor and Mr Clough

continued, as the latter

admitted to the former

that he had not shot at goal

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First Test—Fourth Day

ENGLAND FAIL TO SUPPORT MIKE GATTING

By MICHAEL CAREY in Bombay

MIKE GATTING'S long-awaited maiden Test hundred arrived in the shape of a wholly admirable 136 at the Wankhede Stadium in Bombay yesterday, but, largely unsupported, it was not enough to negotiate England through a day of familiar hazards which they ended at 228 for seven, still needing 42 runs to avoid an innings defeat.

While Gatting and Fowler were adding 135 for the second wicket, it was possible for an uncynical optimist to visualise the match being saved, but afterwards what in these circumstances may be euphemistically termed the rub of the green went agonisingly against them.

To emerge unscathed, England not only needed to play fearlessly well, but enjoy a generous measure of luck with hairline decisions.

Gatting, reaching three figures in his 57th Test innings, showed the one was possible, but the other did not materialise, and the benefit of the doubt went against Gower and Shastri at a time when they looked like providing crucial and essential support.

"Staying in" should be the title of my cricketing tale of the Raj nowadays. And England's percentages were reduced once again when spinners were permitted to operate with four or five fielders clustered round the bat, pressuring the numbers by swooping and swooping for anything that might have been the faintest consolation. That is the name of the game in these conditions.

Ready to counter

Gatting, in the circumstances and conditions with the memory of past instructions, could hardly have expected the spinners to take moments of vulnerability, but overall was prepared to take the game to the opposition and was counter-attacking boldly when caught at deep extra cover.

A few moments earlier, for example, he was certain about that decision.

He and Fowler took England safely through the morning, the latter having worked out a way to play the full toss safely with Gatting finding the outer edge of the bat or cut when the length was suitable.

England's approach was also positive as could be expected.

Every now and then Gatting drove the spinners powerfully, though the ball flew down the pitch, and as the ball did not go far in domestic cricket, though a few centimetres from the wicket, he was more than most, he might have gone if India, reasonably, had not had only one bowler.

Fowler looked mostly secure, bating with Sivaramakrishnan, watching in the rough outside off stump was a problem. He survived one appeal for lbw, but not a second soon afterwards as a ball which spun sharply as he played back.

Gatting surprised

Gatting coped with the same blow by twice getting on the front foot and seemed in no detectable trouble when pushing a protective pad outside the off stump to Shastri, he was clearly surprised to be given out caught when the ball dived and scraped the bats.

No sooner had England digested the blow than Lamb, playing over and perhaps slightly across a top-spinner, fell to a brisk stumping by Kirmani.

Cowdry thus appeared with England still more than 100.

At that stage, pushing forward despite the ball which apparently safely behind pad, he was adjudged caught at silly point when he departed with a shrug of the shoulders, whereupon Gatting began another offensive which if maintained might have changed the shape of even this game.

After just over five hours, however, he went down the pitch to Sivarama and struck a leg-break hard and high to downcast cover, having hit 20 fours during the day, plus a six with Ellington who was caught at silly point off the last ball after resisting stoically against the spinners for 31 minutes.

Taylor leads Victoria in fighting reply

MICK TAYLOR hit his second hundred of the season yesterday as Victoria batted solidly on the third day of their four-day match against the West Indians in Melbourne.

Taylor was unbeaten with 123 at close of play as Victoria's first innings reached 374 for two in reply to the West Indians' 585 for seven declared.

Taylor, 29, has been one of Victoria's most consistent batsmen in recent years, scoring more than 1,000 runs last season. He hit 116 in a Sheffield Shield match against Tasmania two weeks ago.

Yesterday he batted for 215 minutes, faced 196 balls and hit 22 boundaries.

The West Indians had resumed at 110 for 5, with Jones 30 and Robinson 22.

The pair, who came together to 15, took the total to 131 before Jones was caught by Payne, the keeper, off Harper's off-spin, for 77. Robinson followed him, 20, when he was finally caught by Harper at the top of off stump to Walsh.

White-side and Taylor then faced a partnership of 161. In 101 minutes before White-side was dismissed by Steenmark, he took the total to 131 before Jones was caught by Payne, the keeper, off Harper's off-spin, for 77. Robinson followed him, 20, when he was finally caught by Harper at the top of off stump to Walsh.

Today was a record-breaking day for the tourists who piled up their highest total against Victoria, beating the previous figure of 278 in 1980-81.

The outstanding innings came from Richie Richardson who scored his second century of the tour. The young right-hander, 25, when he was bowled by Victoria's captain, the left-arm spinner Ray Bright.

SCOREBOARD IN BOMBAY

ENGLAND—First Innings: 185 (L. Sivaramakrishnan 64*).

Second Innings:

G. Fowler, b. S. V. K. Khan 1

R. T. Robinson, b. Kapil Dev 1

M. H. Gatting, Pauli 1

D. L. Gower, c. Venkatsar 1

Shastri 1

A. J. Shastri, c. Venkatsar 1

C. J. Cowdry, c. Venkatsar 1

Yadav 1

P. E. M. Ellison, c. Venkatsar 1

Yadav 1

Extras (0 4, b 3, nb 2) 10

Total (7 wkt.) 228

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Cowdry 1 D. L. Gower 1

Pecock 1 A. J. Shastri 1

Fowler 1 C. J. Cowdry 1

Gatting 1 M. H. Gatting 1

India—First Innings:

S. M. Venkatsar, c. Cowdry 1

A. D. Gaekwad, run out 1

D. B. Venkatsar, c. Lamb 1

M. Amanullah, c. Cowdry 1

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India—Third Innings:

S. M. Venkatsar, c. Cowdry 1

A. D. Gaekwad, run out 1

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M. Amanullah, c. Cowdry 1

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India—Fourth Innings:

S. M. Venkatsar, c. Cowdry 1

A. D. Gaekwad, run out 1

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India—Fifth Innings:

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A. D. Gaekwad, run out 1

D. B. Venkatsar, c. Lamb 1

M. Amanullah, c. Cowdry 1

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Gatting 1 M. H. Gatting 1

India—Sixth Innings:

S. M. Venkatsar, c. Cowdry 1

A. D. Gaekwad, run out 1

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M. Amanullah, c. Cowdry 1

Pecock 1 D. L. Gower 1

Fowler 1 A. J. Shastri 1

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India—Seventh Innings:

S. M. Venkatsar, c. Cowdry 1

A. D. Gaekwad, run out 1

D. B. Venkatsar, c. Lamb 1

M. Amanullah, c. Cowdry 1

Pecock 1 D. L. Gower 1

Fowler 1 A. J. Shastri 1

Gatting 1 M. H. Gatting 1

India—Eighth Innings:

S. M. Venkatsar, c. Cowdry 1

A. D. Gaekwad, run out 1

D. B. Venkatsar, c. Lamb 1

M. Amanullah, c. Cowdry 1

Pecock 1 D. L. Gower 1

Fowler 1 A. J. Shastri 1

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India—Ninth Innings:

S. M. Venkatsar, c. Cowdry 1

A. D. Gaekwad, run out 1

D. B. Venkatsar, c. Lamb 1

M. Amanullah, c. Cowdry 1

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India—Tenth Innings:

S. M. Venkatsar, c. Cowdry 1

A. D. Gaekwad, run out 1

D. B. Venkatsar, c. Lamb 1

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India—Eleventh Innings:

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A. D. Gaekwad, run out 1

D. B. Venkatsar, c. Lamb 1

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TELEVISION—MONDAY

GUIDE BY PETER KNIGHT

BBC-1

6.30 a.m. Breakfast Time, with Frank Bough and Nick Ross. **8 Jan Marshall's Everyday Yoga**, rpt. 9.10-9.40 Food and Weather. **12.37 Regional News** (London and South East only: Financial Report and News Headlines). **1 Pebble Mill at One**, with setting tips from Peter James. **1.45 2.25 See Hear! Art**. **2.50 In the Making—Wax Sculpture**. **2.55 The Story of Prusie from Peebles**, rpt. (Ceefax subtitles). **3.45 London Regional News**. **3.50 Play School**. **4.10 The Prince Who Hiccupped and other stories by Anthony Armstrong**, read by Penelope Keith, rpt. **4.30 Laurel and Hardy Room**. **4.35 Dungeons and Dragons**. **5.35 John Craven's Newsround**. **5.45 Peter** (Ceefax subtitles). **5.55 Gloria** (Ceefax subtitles). **5.58 Weather**.

6.00 NEWS.

6.30 REGIONAL MAGAZINES.

6.55 HARTY—American singer Tony Bennett is among tonight's guests.

BBC-2

3.30 p.m. **The Tribal Eye—Across the Frontiers**, rpt. 4.45 **Spotlight—Dickie Henderson**, rpt. 5.25 **News: Weather**. **5.30 Hey Look ... That's Me!** First shown on BBC South. **6.00 "LADY FROM SHANGHAI"** (1948) b/w. Complex, bizarre, but very patchy thriller with Orson Welles, as a middle-aged sailor getting himself involved in a murder plot. **6.15 The Royal Hunt**. **6.30 Coronation Street**. **6.45 World in Action**. **7.25 Cartoon Two**.

7.35 KEN HOM'S CHINESE COOKERY—Rice. How to cook it to avoid a soggy mass and serve it with stir-fried beef.

8.00 TO THE MANOR BORN—Repeat.

7.40 IT'S MAX BOYCE—The Welsh boy himself returns in a new long-running series of comedy and song. His guest tonight is Marti Webb.

8.10 PANORAMA—To the Bitter End. Panorama investigates the miners on both sides of the picket lines. Five coal miners have been sent out in the Yorkshire coalfields during the past week looking at how the latest developments in the continuing dispute appear to the striking miners and to the police. Fred Emery and David Lomax report.

9.00 NEWS, WEATHER.

9.25 "CARBON COPY" (1981). Rather uneven blend of comedy and social drama, with George Segal playing it all for a lot more than it's worth as a successful businessman whose life is severely disrupted by the discovery that he has a 17-year-old illegitimate son who is black. With Susan Saint James.

10.35 FILM '84—Barry Norman reviews Paul McCartney's new film, *"Give My Regards to Broad Street"*. **Ghostbusters** featuring Dan Aykroyd and Bill Murray, and David Putman's new production, *"The Killing Fields"*. **11.25 News Headlines**.

11.25 16 UP—Repeat. **11.25 Weather**.

8.30 THE NEW STATESMAN. One-off comedy play by Douglas Watkinson, with Colin Blakely as the editor of a radical newspaper, a middle-aged right-wing monk who inherits the editorship of a recently bankrupt newspaper.

9.00 LAUGH?? I NEARLY PAID MY LICENCE FEE.

9.25 HORIZON—Ivan Jonathan Miller spends a week with Ian Vaughan, a sufferer from Parkinson's disease for the past seven years, exploring how he copes with the disease by using muscular effort to overcome the tremor in his limbs.

10.20 FRANK DELANEY—Janet Morgan, who edited the Crossman diaries, poet Dannie Abse, and author and broadcaster Edward Blishen, who has kept a diary for 40 years, discuss the joys and pitfalls of diary writing.

10.55 NEWSPIGHT.

11.40-12.10 a.m. **BUONGIORNO ITALIA**—Repeat.

investigate the impact of the car on the Third World. (Oracle subtitles).

7.30 CORONATION STREET. (Oracle subtitles)

8.00 RISING DAMP—Stage Struck. Repeat. (Oracle subtitles)

8.30 WORLD IN ACTION.

9.00 QUINCY—Dying for a Drink. The crusading medic has to face the fact that a colleague and close friend is an alcoholic.

10.00 NEWS AT TEN, followed by **Thames News Headlines**.

10.30 CZECH MATE—Susan George as a young divorcee who agrees to accompany her husband on a business trip to Prague only to discover that she is being used by British Intelligence to smuggle a Czech girl into Britain. With Patrick Mower.

11.55 THE BOUNDER—Love Me, Love My Dog—Repeat.

12.25 NIGHT THOUGHTS, with the Bishop of Durham, David Jenkins.

become irretrievably entangled. First of four "Comedy Playhouse" productions from Yorkshire Television.

3.00 THE ALGERIAN WAR—The Squeeze or the Coffin. The last episode in the series chronicles the bloody climax to the war and the negotiations which eventually led to a ceasefire.

7.15 ELSEWHERE—After Dark. After only 16 days Dr. Ethich's marriage is already on the rocks. Meanwhile Dr. Craig continues to nurse ambitions to become Doctor of the Year and Dr. White continues to annoy the hospital's female staff.

10.55-11.35 LEGENDA. Award-winning documentary from Venezuela which begins as an investigation into a triple murder by a policeman in the capital of Caracas but eventually develops into an exposure of police corruption. The film was banned in Venezuela but won the best documentary prize in 1982 in the Festival of Latin American Cinema.

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ITV REGIONS

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